

SENATE WILL INVESTIGATE PEACE PLAN

Senator Reed of Missouri Asks Inquiry Into Bok Peace Plan—Propaganda Is Claimed

IRRECONCILABLE GROUP STRONG FOR COMMITTEE

Many Problems Given Special Committee to Settle By Various Solons

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Investigation of the Bok peace plan will be begun next Monday by a special committee of the senate appointed today under a resolution of Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, proposing an inquiry into general propaganda duties.

Besides the inquiry into the Bok peace plan, under sweeping authority conferred upon it by the resolution, the committee probably will take up the question of propaganda regarding the Mellon tax program, the soldiers' bonus, the league of nations and other subjects pending before congress.

The order of the procedure will be determined later, the only decision today being for investigation of the Bok plan which was proposed by Senator Reed.

Under the resolution the committee is "authorized and directed immediately to investigate and report to the senate whether there is any organized effort being made to control public opinion and the action of congress upon legislative matters through propaganda or by the use of money, by advertising or by control of publicity."

The committee is directed to inquire especially what, if any such methods are being employed to control the action of congress upon revenue measures and "whether or not the profiteers of the war are now contributing to the defeat of the soldiers' adjusted compensation bill by money or influence, and what, if any, such influences are being employed either by American citizens or the representatives of foreign governments or foreign institutions to control or effect the foreign or domestic policies of the United States."

Committee Named To prosecute the work the committee is authorized to subpoena such persons, books and papers as within its discretion may be necessary. There was no opposition to adoption of the resolution after Senator Reed called it up.

President Cummins appointed as members of the committee Senators Moses of New Hampshire and Green of Vermont, Republicans, and Reed of Missouri and Caraway of Arkansas, Democrats, and Shipstead, farmer-labor, Minnesota.

Republican leaders of the senate and more particularly those of the "irreconcilable" group, are known to have favored immediate inquiry into the Bok plan. They also expect the committee to go into the sources of propaganda for the league of nations.

Other senators, and more particularly the Democratic senators, desire thorough investigation into the question of propaganda in favor of the Mellon tax plan.

Jail Sentences Urged For All Liquor Violators

BREMERTON, Wash., Jan. 17.—Jail sentences for all violators of liquor laws was urged by the Washington State Sheriff's association in resolutions adopted here today at the semi-annual meeting of its 19th year came to a close.

A law for the confiscation of automobiles carrying intoxicants was suggested. Higher pay for sheriffs was advocated.

Judge Walter M. French of Kootenai county was a speaker.

THE WEATHER OREGON: Rain in west; rain or snow in east portion; moderate westerly winds. LOCAL WEATHER (Thursday) Maximum temperature, 47. Minimum temperature, 38. River, 3.6 feet; falling. Rainfall, .13 inch. Atmosphere, partly cloudy. Wind, south.

BILLY SUNDAY MAY COME TO SALEM FOR SERIES OF MEETINGS

The evangelistic churches of Salem have before them a proposal to bring Billy Sunday here in June for a series of evangelistic meetings. So far three of the churches have voted in favor of bringing the evangelist and three have voted against it. Several of the churches have not yet voted.

Mr. Sunday is recognized as the world's greatest evangelist and has been before the American public for 25 years as a preacher, and before that was famous as a baseball player in the National league, having played with the Chicago team in an outfield position. He was famed for his ability as a sprinter and probably could cover more territory than any player of his time. He played under the famous Captain "Pop" Anson.

Mr. Sunday's pulpit methods are unique and unconventional and the results he obtains are in most cases of lasting character. Billy Sunday's epigrams are quoted the world over. Throughout his career he has fought the liquor traffic and its kindred evils.

Mr. Sunday owns a farm in the Hood River valley and comes to Oregon each summer.

COOL-HEADED WORK SAVED GIANT SHIP

Members of Crew Tell of Work on Board Balloon During Wild Flight

(By The Associated Press)

LAKEHURST, N. J., Jan. 17.—It was the cool-headed work done in a few seconds that saved the Shenandoah from destruction when the giant airship was torn from her mooring mast by a 72-mile gale that swept the Atlantic coast last night and carried her on a careening chase to New York city, it was asserted tonight by those who made the erratic flight.

When the wind tore the navy's pride from her 165-foot mooring mast those on board instinctively leaped for the levers that released the ballast, and instead of crashing to the earth, the ship stood still for a moment, shuddered and started to float away in the storm. The officers on board declared the ship started to drop and they believed they were within six feet of the ground when she started to rise.

And it was the same cool-headed work throughout the seven-hour flight against the elements that permitted the Shenandoah to outfight the storm and return to her hangar early this morning. Sailing a whole ship in a storm like that of last night would be no easy task, and the work of those on board was made doubly difficult by the fact that her nose had been torn away and a part of her sides ripped to shreds.

To what extent the dirigible was damaged has not been determined definitely. A minute examination of each of her countless parts will be made before repair work starts, and Capt. F. R. McCrary, commandant of the naval air station, estimated tonight that it would take a month to repair the damage that was apparent.

Captain McCrary appointed a board of officers, headed by Commander Weyermacher, who supervised the craft's construction, to estimate the damage and report to Washington.

The Shenandoah was in command of Lieut. Commander M. R. Pierce of Portland, Me., when she broke away. Capt. Anton Heinen, formerly of Germany, and leading expert in lighter-than-air craft, who has applied for United States citizenship, was on board as pilot and advisor. It was Captain Heinen that many gave a great part of the credit for the ship's safe return and to him that officers on board looked for advice. Both Lieutenant Commander Pierce and Captain Heinen said the ship started to drop when she first broke away and they, with Lieut. E. H. Kinkaid of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., were the first to leap for the ballast levers.

Archbishop Christie Takes Turn for Worse Is Reported

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—Father George Thompson, pastor of the Church of the Magdalene here, left early today for Oakland, Cal., in response to a message saying that the illness of Most Rev. Alexander Christie, archbishop of the diocese of Oregon City, had taken a critical turn. The archbishop has been undergoing treatment for several weeks past at Providence hospital in Oakland. Following Father Thompson's departure another telegram was received here saying that the archbishop's condition today showed a considerable improvement over that of yesterday.

COURT ASKED IS MEDICINE PROHIBITED

Lane County Man Asks Return of Fine—Says He Took Only Patent Medicine

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 17.—The circuit court of Lane county today was asked to determine whether or not a well-known patent medicine is an intoxicating liquor.

A few days ago William F. McClaren of this city was arrested on a charge of unlawful possession of liquor and was fined \$150 in police court. He petitioned the city council to return his money on the ground that the prohibition law allows anyone to drink this kind of medicine even though it consists of more than 20 per cent alcohol with other ingredients.

The council refused and today he instituted suit in circuit court for the return of his money. McClaren admitted to Police Judge Gilmore that he had become intoxicated on this medicine, according to the judge.

FAMOUS CATTLE WILL BE SOLD

Jerseys of World Reputation From McKee and Loughary Herds to Go

Sam McKee, Independence, Or., is well known to the Jersey fraternity as having the highest producing herd in the world for a herd his size. Not only has his herd a high average, but included among his cows are a number of world's fame. His herd bull is St. Mawes Lad, a gold medal bull and sire of St. Mawes Pretty Lady, world's record senior yearling.

Certain conditions make it necessary for Mr. McKee to dispose of his herd. They will be sold at auction on the McKee farm sometime about the first of June.

The sale will include such cows as Lad's Iota, 1940.07 pounds fat, class AA and two daughters sired by St. Mawes Lad. Lad's Iota held the world's record until defeated by Darling's Jolly Lassie. Lad's Little Pauline, 941.59 pounds fat, class AA, a daughter sired by St. Mawes Lad and a son. Betty's Lady Fern, 860.56 pounds of fat, class AA and three daughters.

La Belle's Girl, 901 pounds fat, class AA and one daughter. Besides these cows of special world's fame there will be a number of other high record cows of Rinda foundation breeding and young stock sired by St. Mawes Lad.

There are only a few medal of merit cows in the world (cows having produced over 850 pounds of fat, class AA) and this sale will include three of them. There are only a few gold medal bulls in the world and this sale includes one of them. There are only three medal of merit bulls in the world, living or dead, and this sale includes many daughters of one of them.

Also a large part of the herd owned by Frank Loughary & Son of Monmouth, will be sold at auction on their farm. They are practically the same blood lines as the McKee herd, excepting that their younger stock was sired by Boise's Olga Lad, he a full brother of St. Mawes Lad, Boise Rosaire, the world's fame cow. The Loughary herd contains a number of high record cows and cows famous for their winnings in the show ring.

Both herds contain a number of daughters of Rinda Lad, and daughters of St. Mawes Lad, from Rinda Lad dams.

The significance of these two Jersey sales can be realized when the world's standing of these two herds is considered.

Auto Insurance Rates Are Reduced in Oregon

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—Reductions in automobile insurance rates which may result in a saving of as high as \$200,000 in premiums to the motorists of Oregon in the period of a year were made public today when new insurance manuals were received by local agencies.

The reduction involves about 30 per cent of the insurance companies doing automobile coverage in Oregon.

REBELS FIRE ON TAMPICO: FORT REPLIES

Gunboats Bombard City Early in Morning—Direct Fire Against Suburb of Varadero in Mexico

NERVOUS TENSION HIGH AMONG CITY'S NATIVES

American Consul Advises Washington and Asks for Instructions

(By The Associated Press)

TAMPICO, Jan. 17.—Rebel gunboats bombarded the city and port of Tampico this morning. The news of the bombardment was received in a telephone message from the observer's station at La Barra. The message said: "Jesus M. Palma, chief of the coast guard, at 9 o'clock this morning sighted the rebel gunboats Tampico and Sarason which had prevented six ships from entering the port. The vessels were five tankers and Dutch steamer Maasdam."

Houses Destroyed The rebel gunboats fired four shots. The artillery stationed at the entrance to the fort replied and forced the rebel vessels to retire outside the range of the guns. "Then the rebel ships directed their fire against the suburb of Varadero, located to the left of the Panuco river, destroying several Chinese houses. How many of the occupants of these houses perished is not known. In an airplane sent up to reconnoiter identified both of the rebel boats.

"All noon, the ships cruised 600 meters off the mouth of the Panuco river, trying to find a landing place."

The foreign residents of Tampico are in an expectant mood. There is considerable nervous tension among the native population. Immediately after the bombardment James B. Stewart, the American consul, informed the American embassy at Mexico City and the state department in Washington, and requested instructions.

Some of the populace, fearful lest the rebels' ships again fire on the town, have left Tampico. The port is well protected by artillery. President Obregon is being kept informed of the situation.

The arrival of the rebel ships off the entrance to the port had been reported early in the morning. The belief prevailed that they had come to Tampico to enforce an order, proclaimed by Adolfo de la Huerta, supreme chief of the rebels, for a blockade of Tampico. A special train carrying artillery, machine guns and troops was immediately started for La Barra, the entrance to the port. The detachment was under command of General Lorenzo Munoz, chief of the federal garrison.

After the bombardment, the ships disappeared. Two bombing planes are being held in readiness to attack the rebels' ships if they attempt to return.

FINAL FLASHES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Treasury officials have ordered an immediate investigation of the disappearance of a large quantity of liquor from customs warehouses in Detroit. The liquor has been seized by customs agents in raids from rum runners.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Jan. 17.—W. L. (Lafe) Fyffe, maker and squanderer of fortunes estimated to have totalled \$15,000,000, is dead at his home here. With his passing the west loses one of its most picturesque characters—the prospector of the old boom days.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 11.—Omer R. Woods, convicted wife murderer is scheduled to die by shooting in the Utah state prison at sunrise, 7:47 o'clock tomorrow morning. The governor and the pardon board have refused to grant any reprieve and declare the execution must take place according to law. Woods is calm tonight but still maintains his innocence.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 17.—Archbishop A. Christie of Oregon, who contracted a serious case of ptomaine poisoning while returning from Honolulu recently, is much improved and well on the way to recovery, according to attendants of the Providence hospital, here tonight.

OBREGON ASKS THAT ARMY BE PERMITTED TO CROSS 3 STATES

State Department Is Addressed By Mexican President—Hughes Requests Approval of State Governors First—New Mexico and Arizona Grant Request—Has Precedent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The state department announced tonight that the government of President Obregon in Mexico had requested permission for a detachment of the Mexican army to pass from Naco, Ariz., to some point in Texas where they will re-enter Mexican territory for service against the revolutionists. Although final decision has not been made it was said the Washington government looked favorably upon the request.

The American government has made request for passage of troops of the governors of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas and has received favorable replies from the first two, but as yet no reply from the governor of Texas. In case of a favorable reply being received from the latter, it was added, the request of the Mexican government would be granted.

In a statement the state department said: "The Mexican government, through its embassy here has requested permission of this government for the passage of a detachment of the Mexican army to other material which usually accompanies such a command, from Naco, Ariz., to some point in Texas, where they will re-enter Mexican territory for service in regions in Mexico, where American lives and interests are being threatened with grave danger by the forces in revolt against the Mexican government. These troops will not be armed but their arms and ammunition will accompany them as baggage."

"This government has transmitted this request to the governors of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas and has received favorable replies from the governors of Arizona and New Mexico. No reply has yet been received from the governor of Texas. This government looks favorably upon the request of the Mexican government and in case a favorable reply is received from the governor of Texas, this request will be granted."

Was Permitted Before "Similar permission has been extended in the past, the last occasion being in October, 1915, and again in November 1916, when the defacto government of Mexico headed by Mr. Carranza was allowed to transport Mexican troops from the Texas border through the United States to the state of Sonora, Mexico, where American lives and property were in serious danger from the operations of Mexican revolutionary bands."

The attitude of the state department (Continued on page 5)

Thursday in Congress

Secretary Wood laid plans for an expert's investigation of the Colorado river project.

The actual detailed offer of southern power companies for Muscle Shoals was formally submitted to the war department.

Senator Pepper, Republican, Pennsylvania, declined to introduce Governor Pinchot's anthracite bill.

The house ways and means committee considering tax revision heard arguments against taxes on future trading on produce markets.

House Democrats and Republican insurgents failed in an effort to upset the rules program of the Republican organization on the discharge of committees.

A request for the investigation of Governor General Woods of the Philippines was introduced by Senator Ladd, Republican, North Dakota.

Investigation of the Bok peace plan was decided upon by a special senate committee and appointed Senator Reed to inquire into general propaganda in the United States.

Naval officials said the performance of the Shenandoah strengthened the belief that she would be equal to a polar flight, while opposition to the program came to the surface in the senate.

The state department announced it favored granting permission for a detachment of Obregon troops to pass from Naco, Ariz., to a point in Texas where they can re-enter Mexico for service against the revolutionists.

RAINY DAY ANTICIPATED BY RODENTS

Portland Auditorium Rats Hoard Candy Left After Christmas Tree Program

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 17.—The great organ in the municipal auditorium here has been "acting up" lately. Roman Guenther, who has charge of the instrument said he kept finding "cyphers" and other irregularities when the instrument was played. For a time he was at a loss to know what was causing the trouble.

Today he crawled inside the organ on an exploring tour. He found, neatly stored in the console more than two bushels of candy, nuts and oranges. The goodies had been left in the auditorium following a charity Christmas tree and rats had put them away in the organ for future use.

DR. SOUTHWORTH PASSES AWAY

Prominent Salem Physician Yields After Illness With Pneumonia

Dr. Charles Wilson Southworth, Salem physician, died at his home on Mission street at 2 o'clock p. m. yesterday after an illness of a week with pneumonia.

Dr. Southworth was born November 23, 1870, at North Collins, N. Y., where he attended the public schools. Later he attended and was graduated from Forestville academy at Forestville, N. Y., and later he was graduated from the University of Michigan and the University of Buffalo.

Dr. Southworth was married to Agnes Keith Prest September 1, 1902, and is survived by his widow and three children, Ward, Alice and Chester, also two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Ernie Spalding of Los Angeles, Mrs. Angie S. Dye of Ashtabula, Ohio, and Franklin C. Southworth of Meadville, Penn.

Dr. Southworth has been prominent in Salem affairs since coming here. He was an active member of the Baptist church, serving on the deacons' board of First church. He also served on the board of trustees of the YMCA and was a member of the Kiwanis club.

Dr. Southworth and family came west about 15 years ago and located in Eugene where he practiced as a physician and surgeon. He was physician for the University of Oregon for a number of years. About four years ago Dr. Southworth and family located in Salem, and he has been one of the leading physicians here.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist church of Salem next Monday at 10 o'clock a. m., and interment will take place at Eugene at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

TAX PLEAS FLOOD HOUSE COMMITTEE

Interested Parties Ask Retention of One Tax and Withdrawal of Another

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Requests for tax reductions again flooded the house ways and means committee today, although determined opposition to revision of some of the excise and special rates was voiced.

Additional pleas for repeal of the tax on motor vehicles and accessories were countered by a suggestion of Representative Hayden, democrat, Arizona that the levy be maintained to provide funds for completing the government's program of aiding states in construction of roadways under terms of the highway act.

John Quinn, speaking for the art dealers and art associations of New York asked that the tax be removed from artists' products but suggested the tax on jewelry be doubled and that automobiles maintained.

Determination of a program for consideration of the rates sections of the new bill which will be taken up next week, has been delayed by Chairman Green, pending completion of the hearings and settlements of the rules fight in the house, which has occupied the attention of leaders and held up also plans for the floor fight on the tax measure.