

NEW FRENCH CRISIS IS SAID IMPENDING

Situation Arising From Presentation of Financial Program Critical

ISSUE NOW DEADLOCKED

Brian's Statement That Ministry Will Undergo No Change Heightens Seriousness of Situation

PARIS, Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—The government and the parties which compose its majority in the chamber are now providing the extraordinary spectacle of a frantic race to forestall each other in the presentation of a financial program to parliament.

This situation gives rise to the prospect that the new year will start off politically with another crisis. The seriousness is heightened by Premier Briand's declaration that he will make no further partial changes in his ministry. If Finance Minister Doumer's projects are rejected it will mean the rejection of the whole cabinet.

The issue may not come to a head, however, until the regular session of the chamber begins about the middle of January.

During the past week three groups of the left cartel have been working feverishly on bills designed to balance the budget. That they have outstripped the government in the race was indicated today by their further announcement that their bills have been drafted and will be introduced in the chamber Monday morning.

Meanwhile the cabinet remains divided on M. Doumer's plan for a double tax on business turnover, and will be unable to settle this matter before the cabinet meets again Tuesday. By that time it is believed in the lobbies of the chamber, the groups of the left block will have supplied rigid discipline to all their members and have made approval of the government bills, whatever they may be, impossible.

Bills which the left groups will push as substitutes for the government measures provide for economies in official administration amounting to 800,000,000 francs; increase the income taxes payable by foreigners; institute grave penalties for tax dodging, and reinforce the means at the disposal of the fiscal administration for the detection of false declarations.

One of these bills provides that no person can vote until he has satisfied the authorities that he has complied with all the tax laws.

TWO HURT IN ACCIDENT

SEVEN YEAR OLD BOY, PLAYING WITH TOY, INJURED

Two persons were hurt in auto accidents last night. Mrs. J. Z. Ackerman of Portland received face injuries when the car driven by her husband collided with that driven by J. R. Kennedy of Salem. The accident occurred on the Silverton road about six miles from Salem.

A 7-year-old boy named Mapes, first name not given, sustained a broken arm when he was hit by an auto driven by Carroll Kiser. According to the report, young Mapes, pulling a small wagon, ran in front of the car. Kiser took the child to a local hospital where he was cared for.

ROADHOUSE IS RAIDED

SEVERAL PROMINENT KLAMATH FALLS MEN IN PARTY

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 26.—Several prominent Klamath Falls residents, including a former public official, were enjoying a Christmas night party at the Motor Inn roadhouse near here when it was raided by state prohibition officers early today. Several gallons of liquor were found, according to the raiding officers. Two of the reputed owners were held on charges of possession of liquor. The officers allowed the patrons, some 20 in number to leave without revealing their names.

SESSION ENDS IN RIOT

ARGENTINE COMMUNIST CONGRESS SCENE OF BATTLE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—A preliminary session of the seventh congress of the communist party in Argentina broke up in disorder tonight. Numerous shots were exchanged. Delegate Muller of Mendoza was badly wounded several persons received minor injuries. The trouble started during a heated discussion of the motion.

The police have detained more than a hundred persons.

SURPLUS CROP QUESTION TO BE GIVEN ATTENTION

FARM PROGRAM WILL ATTEMPT TO AFFORD RELIEF

Coolidge and Jardine United in Opinion that Some Step Must Be Taken

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—The administration's farm relief program will be broadened to provide for some machinery for handling surplus crops.

Just what form this new aid will take has not been determined but both President Coolidge and Secretary Jardine have reached the conclusion that surplus crops present one of the dominating problems of agriculture and that some governmental step must be taken to afford relief.

Tremendous pressure has been brought to bear recently on the administration by the congressional farm block and western agricultural leaders to create a federal commission with powers to direct the disposition of surplus farm crops in a way that would enable the producers to at least get the cost of production.

Heretofore the White House has been silent on the subject, but today after the president had conferred with Secretary Jardine which was the culmination of a series of conferences between the two, it was disclosed that the administration was prepared to endorse conservative legislation fostering the sale of surplus crops in the export trade with a government commission as a directing agency.

The issue was brought to a head today after a few hours before the departure for Des Moines of the Iowa congressional delegation, members of which were invited to attend a meeting there of farmers and bankers to discuss means of marketing the surplus corn crop.

Representative Dickinson, republican, Iowa, talked with Secretary Jardine, just before he left and it is understood that the agriculture secretary, who had come direct from the White House, authorized the Iowa representative to tell the farmers of that state that the administration sympathized with their difficulties and was prepared to support some measure for handling the surplus crops provided it did not put the government in a business and fix farm prices.

Secretary Jardine, in laying the foundation for the bill plans to follow the same course he pursued in preparing the cooperative marketing bill when he called in cooperative leaders for advice. He will invite farm leaders over to the country to offer suggestions.

At present the secretary believes that surplus crops can be handled through the cooperative marketing system with a government commission as a guiding hand. He is giving consideration to the proposal to empower such a commission to declare "emergency periods" when some particular farm crop is under pressure and to designate some agency to handle it.

"Farmers through their own organizations have a most powerful instrument to control the movement of surplus crops into consumptive channels," Mr. Jardine said today.

"With the confidence I have in the cooperative movement, I have always opposed government price fixing, either direct or indirect, and the handling of farm products by government agencies with the most certain feeling that a government guarantee of this nature would eliminate the one real incentive for collective effort."

The movement came as the result of Nye's recent statement that the delay in seating him had caused him financial embarrassment. The plan advocated by the newspaper is for the friends of Nye to donate ten cents each. The sum obtained in this way would be sufficient, it is contended to carry him through the fight in the senate.

Small donations already have been received from many parts of the state the record said.

Nye was appointed to the senate by Governor Sorlie to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Edwin F. Ladd. A senate committee has recommended that Nye be denied a seat on the ground that his appointment is unconstitutional. His case is scheduled to come before the senate when congress reconvenes early in January.

MINERS ARE ASKED TO RETURN TO WORK

Anthracite Operators Advise for Workers to Return at Old Scale

CONTRACT IS PROPOSED

Mine Owners Guarantee Wages and Suggest Tentative Outline; Move Criticized by Unions

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Anthracite operators, through page advertisements in the Sunday morning newspapers are directly asking their striking employees to return to work at once at the rate of wages paid by them when they quit four months ago.

The operators guarantee the wages for the next eight months and propose that a new long term contract can be worked out in the meantime. The union leaders made no formal statement in response to this action, but Thomas Kennedy, international secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, at his home in Hazleton, Penn., when he learned of it said the men would not be stamped back to work; that they would return only when a new contract is agreed upon. He characterized the broadcasting of the operator's offer at this time as a lack of good faith and an attempt to "prejudice" the wage conference scheduled to meet in New York next Tuesday.

Mr. Kennedy pointed out that the offer of the operators is similar to that contained in the mine proposal submitted to the Luzerne county delegation of the Pennsylvania house of representatives December 15. This peace was accepted by the operators and rejected by the miners.

Despite the joyous shouts that greeted the Christmas carols in the coal fields when news came that the wage conference would be resumed next Tuesday, indications are that the negotiators will have a rough road to travel.

The miners, in accepting the peace proposals of Governor Pinchot, virtually agreed to go to work without an increase if it were found that an advance in wages would set up the price of coal. This proposal was not accepted by the operators on the ground that it only arbitrated wages upward. They proposed arbitration without conditions and this is the big issue that will be fought out in New York.

The check-off which provides for deducting union dues from miners' wages is a second issue that will be strongly urged and strongly resisted.

ESCORT HELD AS DRUNK GIRL GOES HOME ALONE

CHARGED WITH SPEEDING AND LIQUOR POSSESSION

Had Money But Refused to Pay Taxi Fare for Companion's Return

Four men were arrested for speeding last night. All arrests were made by traffic officer Edwards. The most serious charge was placed against J. Wesley Taylor of Bend, Ore. He was charged with speeding, driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, and possession of liquor.

It is said the girl riding with him attempted to escape from the car when she learned of his inebriated condition. It is said he would not let her go.

When charges were placed against him at the police station, it is said he put \$21 in his hat with other valuables. He was asked to pay taxi fare to take the girl, who lives in a nearby town, home, but, it is said, he refused to do so, stating the sergeant and police matron could do that. Finally the girl had to call her parents, who arranged for her return.

Dr. Caldwell, of Portland, was arrested by Officer Edwards for speeding 30 miles an hour in a Willamette Valley Transfer truck. He was on South Commercial, driving, it is said, in a heavy fog. He posted \$25 bail and was cited to appear Monday afternoon.

Lambert D. Miller, of McMinnville, and Otta C. Larson of the same city were arrested for driving their machines 30 miles an hour on State street. They were both cited to appear January 2, 1926.

LETTERS NOT DESTROYED

DENIAL MADE THAT HARDING CORRESPONDENCE BURNED

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Denial was made here today by Hoke Donithen, chairman of the Harding memorial association, that Mrs. Warren G. Harding had burned practically all of the letters pertaining to her husband's administration.

Donithen's statement was called forth by the published story that these letters had been burned. The only file that Mrs. Harding brought from Washington, Donithen said, consisted of the president's personal and confidential letters to and from friends. She discarded those that she did not regard as worthy of preservation.

Letters or communications relative to the Harding administration Donithen said are in the vault of a Marion bank and were turned over by Charles D. Schaffner, executor of Mrs. Harding's estate to the Harding memorial association.

CHALLENGE IS SEEN IN BORAH'S SPEECH

Position on World Court Is Declared Challenge to Administration

TROUBLE IS THREATENED

Senate Irreconcilables Watched; Drastic Reservations May Be Adopted, Correspondent Says

By JOHN T. LEWING, JR., Central Press Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Coolidge has been assured on many occasions that the resolution providing for U. S. participation in the World Court will go through the senate, but there is no certainty whatever that it will be approved in the form proposed by the president and with the five mild reservations he has indorsed.

On the contrary, there are indications that possibly some of the reservations put forward by George Wharton Pepper of Pennsylvania, which are drastic, may be adopted, and this would be regarded as a defeat for the League of Nations forces in the senate. The League of Nations fight is being fought over.

Party lines have disappeared in the fight that is just getting under way in the upper House. Borah and the irreconcilables threaten all sorts of trouble for the court advocates, despite the apparent majority against them.

There are various estimates of the time the debate will run, but if the administration follows its present plan culture will be applied about February 1 to make way for the tax bill, which it is hoped will be out of the senate committee by that time.

The court proposal has been before the senate for nearly two years, having been sent there by President Harding on February 24, 1923, with a special message urging adoption of the court plan. The message contained a letter from Secretary of State Hughes outlining the advantages of the plan and urging four reservations.

The matter slumbered in the foreign relations committee for months and no action was taken until May 22, 1924, when the majority of the committee voted out a recommendation for adherence to the court with the Pepper reservations. These proposed, in brief, that the court be completely dissociated from the League of Nations and gave the senate's consent to the ratification of the protocol of adherence only after the states which have adhered to the court should have consented to the changes suggested.

On May 31, 1924, the Demo-

Party Lines Disappear in Senate With World Court Battle Under Way



Top: Senator William E. Borah (right) and Senator George Wharton Pepper. Below: Senator Pat Harrison (right) shaking hands with Senator Claude Swanson, after the latter's 25,000-word speech opening the fight in senate for unreserved adoption of world court plan.

WHAT COURT HAS DONE

LIST GIVEN OF MEMBERSHIP IN WORLD COURT

A map and diagram prepared by Lawrence Martin, chief of division of maps of Library of Congress, gives the membership of the World Court (the international court of justice) and the judgments or opinions of the judges as follows:

Countries under the court and under the optional clause and those under the court but not under the clause: Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, Chili, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czecho-Slovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Great Britain, Greece, Haiti, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Persia, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, Salvador, Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, Siam, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Union of South Africa, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Countries not yet in the court: Argentina, Arabia, Bhutan, Egypt, Ecuador, Germany, Mexico, Nepal, Peru, Russia, Morocco-Tunisia, Turkey, United States and mandated states.

Number of judges, eleven (one, John Bassett Moore, is an American).

Number of deputies, four. What the Court Has Done.

Judgments: Kiel Canal, Palestine (2 cases); Bulgaria-Greece (2 decisions), Greece-Turkey, Albania.

Advisory opinions: Tunisia-Morocco, Eastern Carrelia, German Poland, Polish Nationality, Jaworzina, Greece-Turkey, Albania, S. H. S.

DALRYMPLE GETS OFFICE

IS NAMED AN INSPECTOR OF STATE INSURANCE

A. M. Dalrymple, who recently was deposed by Governor Pierce as warden of the Oregon state penitentiary, yesterday was appointed an inspector for the state insurance department. Announcement of the appointment was made by Will Moore, state insurance commissioner.

Mr. Dalrymple will succeed G. W. Stokes, who has been promoted to the position of investigator for the state fire marshal's department. Mr. Stokes succeeds Ed Rand of Baker, who died recently while in eastern Oregon.

Mr. Dalrymple will assume his new duties next week.

PORTLAND TEAM WINS

SASKATOON, Dec. 26.—(AP.)—The Portland Roschuds downed the Saskatoon Crescents, 4 to 2, in a Western Hockey league game here tonight.

MIDDLE WEST NOW IN GRIP OF WINTER

Intense Cold Wave Sweeping Across United States Toward Atlantic

THREE DEATHS REPORTED

Three Persons Frozen to Death in Chicago; Border State Thermometer Registers 23 Below

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—A post-Christmas cold wave, the most intense of the winter, was sweeping across the United States tonight toward the Atlantic seaboard.

In Minnesota, North Dakota and other northern border states, where the cold centered today, the thermometer went to 20 and 23 degrees below zero. The Pas, Manitoba, was the coldest place on the continent with a record of 28 below. At Minot, North Dakota, it was 23 below.

Three persons were frozen to death in Chicago, where the temperature reached one above zero.

Weather bureau reports tonight indicated the cold is concentrating along the northern border and in Canada, but the southern middlewest also is experiencing temperatures several degrees below normal. The thermometer stood at 26 above zero in Atlanta, Georgia.

Great Lakes shippers were advised by the weather bureau to prepare for temperatures from 10 to 25 below zero tonight and Sunday. Little or no snow accompanied the cold wave. Minneapolis and Duluth, Minn., were the coldest cities in the country today with a temperature of 13 below. It was 12 below at Waterloo, Iowa, and 6 below at Milwaukee.

In Chicago it was too cold for acclimated polar bears. Photographers who went to the zoo to catch the bears enjoying a home atmosphere found them huddled in their dens and they could not be coaxed out.

ATTORNEY FOR CONVICTS WOULD ANNUL SENTENCE

MOTIONS FOR ARREST OF JUDGMENT FILED HERE

Three Condemned Men Are Declared to Have Been Outside Jurisdiction

Based on the allegation that Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, convicts sentenced to death, were not within the jurisdiction of the court here in which they were tried and found guilty, Judge Will R. King, attorney for the trio, has filed with the county clerk motions for arrest of judgment in the cases with the object of having the conviction and execution of the sentence held null and void. The three convicts were sentenced to hang for the murder of a guard in the prison break here of August 12.

In the motion, Judge King declares that Willos was in the custody and charge of San Quentin prison officials at the time of the trial, as he was technically on parole from that prison, although serving a term in the state prison here. It is also said that Murray and Kelley, too, were on parole from the California penitentiary during the course of the trial. Judge King declares that despite the fact that all three men are serving time in the Oregon prison they are technically in custody of prison officials of the state of California.

Another allegation made by King is that "the escape of the defendant was due to a violation of that section of the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Oregon wherein it was provided that cruel and inhuman punishment shall not be inflicted."

It was alleged by the defense during the trial that the convicts broke prison because they believed they were in danger of being killed if they remained.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 26.—Little relief from the cold wave in the northwest was in sight tonight. Although a slight rise in temperature as compared with this morning was reported in the Dakotas and Minnesota tonight, the thermometer was well below the zero mark.

In St. Paul tonight it was six below, seven degrees higher than the lowest of the day. Grand Forks, N. D., had six below tonight, with the minimum five earlier in the day. Fargo was 7 below, with 8 degrees above the minimum readings.

Aberdeen, S. D., reported three below and at Sioux Falls, S. D., it was 12 below. Hibbing, Minn., had an unofficial temperature of 30 below, the coldest in the country.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Frigid blasts from the north swept temperatures rapidly downward in the lower Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys tonight with zero weather or below predicted for some sections by morning. The cold snap brought the winter's coldest weather.

THE DALLES MAN NAMED

EDWARD C. PEASE APPOINTED TO BANKING POSITION

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 26.—(Associated Press.)—Edward C. Pease, for many years prominent in business activities of The Dalles, today received word that he had been named a director of the branch federal reserve bank for Oregon which also has jurisdiction over five counties in Washington. Word of the appointment came from Walter Eddy, secretary of the federal reserve bank at Washington. Pease telegraphed his acceptance. His term is for three years starting on January 1, 1926.