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SECRETARY LANE TO RESIGN

MAY COMPROMISE ON PEACE TREATY

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(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—An unofficial committee on conciliation is at work in the senate in an effort to compromise the treaty controversy. This committee is composed of one republican and one democrat.

In seeking to negotiate a basis upon which the ratification may be arranged it is ignoring Senators Lodge and Hitchcock, the republican and democratic leaders.

The first step of the committee is to sound out the sentiment among the senators of both sides in an effort to crystallize their views into compromise proposals to be used in framing the reservations.

Progress along this line has been slow but, according to one member of the unofficial committee, encouraging. The compromise spirit is stronger among democratic senators than has been since the treaty failed November 19.

Senator Hitchcock said the democrats are going to arrange a compromise if they can and "take a chance" of Wilson accepting it.

Article Ten is the big stumbling block in the way of negotiators, Hitchcock said.

Underwood, who took the lead in advocating a compromise, made it plain he is for a treaty ratification even if it involves leaving the League of Nations covenant out of the pact.

World Not to End, But Will Be Disturbed

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Prof. Albert Porta, scientific observer and forecaster, is standing pat on his predictions of a general meteorological turmoil that will affect the earth during the period beginning today.

"The world is not going to end," he said. "Only those who distorted my original prediction are responsible for the seeming widespread fear that the end of the world has come. But I am very well satisfied to let the turn of events prove my contentions."

Earthquakes, thunder, rain and other severe disturbances will accompany the "storms" which Porta forecasted, he declared. The said quakes and volcanic eruptions will affect Italy, Japan, Java, Alaska, California, Hawaii and Central America.

"I never once predicted the world would come to an end," Porta repeated. "But the Pacific coast will be visited with the most serious storms in its history."



Want Government to Retain Railroads

(By the United Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The plea that the Cummins railroad bill now before congress be withdrawn and government control be extended at least two years was made by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; representatives of railroad brotherhoods and officials of several farmers' organizations, who appeared before the senate interstate commerce committee today.

The delegation, numbering 25, called at the White House later in an effort to induce President Wilson to retain the roads two years longer, it is announced.

President Gompers, who led the attack on the Cummins bill before the senate committee, severely criticized the anti-strike provisions, declaring they would make lawbreakers out of patriotic citizens, who would not obey it.

"If men cannot obtain justice in any other way they are going to stop work," he declared. He cited the federal injunction in the coal strike, saying: "The injunction has not produced one ounce of coal. The object of such measures is to insure the continuance of the production, but experience shows they do not accomplish it. I am not, and have not been an advocate of government ownership. I believe, however, that the roads ought not be returned to private ownership until a thorough test in peace time has been made."

Other witnesses took substantially the same view as Gompers, although several declared outright for government ownership.

COLORED COVER LOST IN SNOW

The three colored cover ordered for this Christmas number is in the snow somewhere between Ashland and Chicago. It has not arrived and we go to press with our Christmas number only with explanation that even newspapers cannot always control weather conditions and are often sorely disappointed.

UNEARTHED BONES HELD AS EVIDENCE

(By the United Press)
LAWRENCE, Kas.—The fate of Rufus King, held for trial in the triple murder skeleton mystery, may be decided on the basis of data regarding the supposed skeleton of John Woody, alleged "murder farm" victim, which has been prepared by Hubert Shepard of the University of Kansas department of anatomy.

King's trial is scheduled for the March term of court at Lyndon, Kas.

At the continuance, Shepard appeared ready to present what may be deciding evidence regarding age, sex, height and nationality of the supposed John Woody. The skeleton was sent to the Kansas University school of medicine, after being unearthed last August at Maple Hill, Kas., on property formerly occupied by King.

Two other skeletons unearthed on property said to have been used by King may be sent to the university for identification. They are supposed to be the bones of Reuben Gutschall and William F. Ringer.

MUNITIONS PLANT EXPLODES

(By the United Press)
LONDON, Dec. 17.—Berlin dispatches state 43 were killed and more than a hundred injured in a munitions explosion at Wilhelmshaven today. The property damage is great.

LONDON.—"When strikes die they will get up a strike in Heaven till they get a 47 hour week at golden harp-playing," declared a prominent Salvation Army preacher.

MINE PRODUCTION ALMOST NORMAL

(By the United Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The coal production is nearing the peak, according to a statement issued by the operators today. Miners are working with a will, they said, indicating a desire to observe their agreement. Kansas, Indiana and Illinois mines are almost back to normal in number of men and production.

WEATHER FORECAST
For Oregon—Rain west, snow east; not so cold.

UNFOLDED TALE OF WRONGDOING

(By the United Press)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—The story of two years of life in the same house with her husband's alleged infidelity was unfolded by Mrs. John Freeman today. The husband as the result, was jailed, charged with contributing to the delinquency of his minor children. Miss Dorothy Chaster is being kept in a hospital to answer a similar charge when she recovers from an illness following childbirth.

Mrs. Freeman charges she was forced, by threat of death, to nurse Miss Chaster at the birth of still-born children of which, she alleged, her own husband was the father. The last time, she declared, was Saturday night.

She claims Freeman and the girl met in Calgary, Canada, two years ago and made a marriage contract with the girl's mother, promising to care for her as his wife, and simultaneously refusing to divorce Mrs. Freeman, whom he married sixteen years ago in England.

"Dorothy and my husband would come home from the theater at night and tease me, Mrs. Freeman claimed. "They called me a 'little old hen,' and a 'little old wife.' Dorothy would say, 'The past was yours, but the future belongs to me.'"

FRISCO MARKETS

(By the United Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Following are market quotations:
EGGS—Extras, 78c.
BUTTER—Extras, 68½c.
POULTRY—Broilers, 38c; hens, 36c.
CATTLE—Top steers, 11¼c.
HOGS—Top, 14½c.
SHEEP—Ewes, 6¼c; wethers, 10c.
BARLEY—Spot barley, \$3.45.

LONDON.—Family washing hanging out to dry in the gardens of mansions on Park Lane, London's most exclusive and richest street, evidences the revolt against the present high laundry prices.

SAYS HE WILL QUIT CABINET SHORTLY

Germany to Receive Note This Week

(By the United Press)
PARIS, Dec. 17.—The peace conference expects to submit its final note to Germany this week, fixing the time limit for the signing of the protocol, it was learned today. Some disagreements have arisen between the allied and German experts regarding the amount of compensation Germany is able to pay for the sinking of the Scapa Flow fleet, it is learned, but these are not expected to prove serious enough to delay signing the protocol.

The supreme council has decided to grant Austria a loan of seventy millions. Each ally will be asked to contribute.

(By the United Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Secretary Lane contemplates resigning from the cabinet, but has not sent his resignation to the president, neither has he discussed it with President Wilson, Mr. Lane said in a formal statement today.

Secretary Lane's statement issued following the reports that he had laid his resignation before the president stating that he wished to leave the cabinet due to differences with the president and other cabinet members. The statement follows: "With reference to my talked of resignation, I have not sent it to the president, nor even written it, but I do contemplate going out of the cabinet. I have withheld talking to the president about it because I did not want to add to his burden or worries at this time, nor do I know when the time will come when I can. "This is a full statement of all facts. I have thought it unkind to say anything to the president about the matter and that any mention of this now by anyone would be a needless annoyance to him."

KNOX TRIES TO PASS RESOLUTION

(By the United Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—For the second time within a week Senator Knox has made an unsuccessful attempt today to get the senate to consider his resolution on the ratification of the treaty without the League of Nations covenant. Senator McKellar, democrat, objected and Knox then offered his resolution for separate peace with Germany. Senator Nelson, republican, and Senator McKellar both objected to this. Mr. Knox then began a speech supporting the motion to refer to the first resolution of the foreign relations committee.

WORLD STILL WHIRLS ON

(By the United Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—This is the day the world is scheduled to come to an end because five planets range on one side of the sun. "The end of the world weather" as reported to the government forecaster here, is featured by below normal temperatures in nearly all sections, but forecasters have no advices indicating terrible storms scouring the earth, as unofficially predicted. The juxtaposition of planets had nothing to do with the cold wave, it was stated.

Chinese Students Boycott Japanese

(Special to The Tidings)
TOKIO, Dec. 16.—(Delayed)—Following a meeting of the cabinet council Torikichi Ojata, minister plenipotentiary to China, was directed to make a strong protest to the Peking government regarding the anti-Japanese activities of Chinese, notably among Chinese students, which endanger the friendly relations between China and Japan.

The protest, it is understood, has to do particularly with difficulties at Foo Chow and the boycotts against Japanese merchants.

ROUNDUP ASS'N. DISORGANIZED

The board of directors of the Ashland Amusement association, with a number of stockholders, met last night and legally dissolved the organization and cleaned up all business connected with it. This so far as the association is concerned winds up the Rogue River Roundup in Ashland, which has been such an attraction here for the past three years. The directors settled all past debts and were able to retire with all outstanding obligations wiped out.

COUNCIL ELECTS LIBRARY BOARD

The city council met last night and transacted the regular routine business which came up before it. Among the most important features brought before the body was the nomination of library trustees by Mayor Lankin which was confirmed by the council. These trustees are as follows: Mrs. F. J. Shinn, Mrs. E. V. Carter, H. S. Palmerlee, H. T. Elmore and F. E. Watson.

An ordinance was passed by the council directing the recorder to certify the delinquent liens to the county clerk and county assessor for collection.

WANT SIZE OF PAPERS CUT

(Special to The Tidings)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Appeal to newspaper publishers throughout the country to make an immediate reduction of 10 per cent in the size of their publications, due to paper shortage, was made by the house postoffice committee today. Such action is necessary to prevent the "destruction of a large number of newspapers in smaller cities and towns, and inflict irreparable injury on communities served by them," the committee declared.

Well Known Woman Died Last Night

Mrs. L. H. Settles died at her home on Eighth street at midnight last night, after a lingering illness. About two years ago Mrs. Settles had a stroke and had been in delicate health ever since. She was a well known and highly esteemed resident of this city and has a large number of friends who mourn her demise. Funeral services will take place tomorrow, Thursday, from the Stock undertaking parlors at 1 p. m. The deceased is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Wine, and a son, Orval Settles.

STATE BIOLOGIST GIVEN DISCHARGE

(By the United Press)
PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—News has leaked out that the fish and game commission, at a secret meeting Friday, discharged State Biologist Finley, to be effective January 1. Finley was given no chance to defend himself and was not informed of the action until he received a letter from the office stating it had been declared vacant.