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## GREEKS APPEAL TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS

**Nation Aroused Over Expulsion of Patriarchate From Constantinople.**

Athens.—With neither money nor manpower, but with the populace worked up to a fever heat over what is considered an indignity on the nation's church, Greece talked loudly of going to war again with her old enemy, Turkey.

The government went so far as to sever diplomatic relations with Ankara, recalling the charge d'affaires, and they decided to compromise on a nation-wide protest and an appeal to the League of Nations.

Turkey expelled the ancient Oecumenical patriarchate of the Greek Catholic church, which had been located in Constantinople since 1600.

After Turkey had soundly whipped Greece in the war started by King Constantine, a treaty drawn up at Lausanne stipulated that the patriarchates of the orthodox church, established for centuries in Constantinople, should not be disturbed.

The Greek government contends that Turkey has broken the treaty and that other bishops of the church are destined for expulsion.

The Oecumenical patriarch, as the name implies, was head of the Greek Catholic church throughout the world, and his being driven out by the Turks is considered an affront by every pious Greek.

## ANOTHER MAN KILLED IN FIGHT AT HERRIN

Herrin, Ill. — Another pistol fight stirred Herrin early Sunday. When the smoke had cleared away it was found that a man representing himself as an officer seeking to arrest a clansman had been shot to death in the Lyman hotel by Rufus Whitson, policeman, after the alleged officer had wounded Sim Stephens, policeman, and terrorized the hotel employees. The latest affray came while Sheriff Galligan was seeking martial law in Herrin. Quiet prevailed tonight.

The killing brought the death toll in the clan-anti-klan fight to 14.

The coroner's jury exonerated Whitson.

"It was merely a case of an officer of the law performing his duty," Major Davis remarked.

The major said he had reported the condition to Adjutant-General Black, but had made no recommendations. He said his personal opinion was that martial law was "not necessary at this time."

## TAX TEST SUIT IS AWAITED

**Decision Would Affect States Having Community Property Law.**

Washington, D. C. — The treasury has decided, in the event it wins its test suits on the federal government's taxation rights under the California community property law, to apply that decision of assessment of taxes in the seven other states having community property laws.

The test case will result from the treasury's announced refusal to refund income taxes to California taxpayers to whom it has declined to grant the privileges accorded under that state's community laws.

Besides California, Arizona, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Washington have community property laws, and most of them have been operative for many years.

\$1,500,000 Voted for Oregon Farmers. Salem, Or.—The farmers' relief bill, carrying an appropriation of \$1,500,000, and amended on motion of Senator Ritner so as to extend its benefits to lessees of Indian owned land, passed the senate Monday afternoon by unanimous vote. The measure had already passed the house. The bill was designed primarily to relieve farmers in several eastern Oregon counties whose winter wheat crops have been destroyed by cold weather and who will have to reseed their land.

Stone Nomination Again is Reported. Washington, D. C.—While opposition to confirmation of Attorney-General Stone to be a supreme court justice has not completely collapsed, early favorable action by the senate was predicted as a result of the action of the judiciary committee in reporting the nomination for a second time with its approval.

Diphtheria Serum Reaches Nome. Nome, Alaska.—One of the greatest dog team races in the history of Alaska, with the saving of the lives of Nome's diphtheria patients as the sweepstakes prize, ended here at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday morning when 300,000 units of frozen antitoxin arrived from Nenana.

## WILLIAM GREEN



William Green, who succeeded the late Samuel Gompers as president of the American Federation of Labor.

## NINE BILLS GIVEN SENATE PRIORITY

Washington, D. C.—Faced by a jam of legislation in the single month remaining of the present congress, the republican steering committee of the senate had selected a priority list of nine measures to be pressed for action in that body before adjournment March 4.

Heading the list is the German commercial treaty, which the foreign relations committee took up Tuesday with a view to a prompt report to the senate. Second in line is the McLean bill authorizing the treasury to reduce the interest rate on government loans to railroads.

Omission from the list of the farm relief measures recommended by the president's agricultural commission was explained by leaders as due to the fact that they are still in a formative stage. Conspicuous among other omissions from the list were proposals for American adherence to the world court and the Crampton bill to establish a separate prohibition enforcement bureau.

Other measures on the steering committee's program include the civil service retirement bill, the McFadden banking bill and the governmental department reorganization plan. In addition to the committee's program, there is now pending in the senate the \$75,000,000 good roads bill and the Isle of Pines treaty. There appears little chance of action on the treaty at this session.

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Bread prices were increased one cent Monday in Seattle.

George W. Cable, author, died at his winter home in Petersburg, Fla.

The Phipps bill, cutting nearly in half the fees for grazing privileges on national forest land in the west, was adopted by the senate.

Senator Wesley L. Jones of Washington introduced a bill, directing the postoffice department to design and issue a 2-cent postage stamp in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Fort Vancouver.

Mrs. Ellen Hamlin, widow of Hannibal Hamlin, who was vice-president with Lincoln, United States senator and ambassador to Spain, died at her home in Bangor, Me. Mrs. Hamlin was 89 years of age.

Attorney-General Stone, assuming full personal responsibility for the institution of a new court action against Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, gave notice to senators who are opposing his nomination to the supreme court in that connection, that the proceedings would continue.

Ex-Governor Davis Pleads Not Guilty. Topeka, Kan. — Former governor Jonathan M. Davis pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy in connection with efforts to obtain a parole for Walter Grundy, Hutchinson (Kan.) banker, and gave \$1000 bond.

Hangings Abolished in Nation's Capital. Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge signed a bill abolishing the ancient punishment of hanging in the District of Columbia. Hereafter death sentences will be imposed by electrocution.

World Pact is Given Backing. Washington, D. C.—A resolution to put the house on record as favoring American adherence to the world court was approved by the house foreign affairs committee.

Germany Favors Safety Pact. Berlin.—Chancellor Luther told the foreign press Germany is willing to co-operate in formulating a world-wide safety pact, or one on narrower lines, if this is impossible.

## FEDERAL AGENCIES HANDICAP FARMERS

**Need For More Aggressive Attitude to Aid Agriculture Cited By Commission.**

Washington, D. C.—Sharp criticism of the administration of certain federal laws and agencies affecting the farmers was contained in the third report of the president's agricultural commission. It dealt with the conduct of the department of agriculture, interstate commerce commission, federal reserve board, tariff commission and internal revenue bureau.

Charging that administration of some departments is seriously handicapped by the interdepartmental jealousies, the commission said it found two "unfortunate results." These were that the "dog-in-the-manger" attitude of one department may retard development of another, and that rivalry may prompt proposals for departmental expansion.

The report declared that the country lacked a unified credit system, a condition harmful to agriculture; that the interstate commerce commission has "failed or been unable to recognize its responsibility as advocate of the shipper and has developed into a court," and that the tariff commission can materially assist agriculture by "functioning actively along the lines of its constituted powers and responsibilities."

Complete separation of the regulatory and service functions of government departments was recommended and it was urged that uniform state plant and animal quarantine regulations be devised, and that co-operative marketing organizations be given full benefit of tax exemption.

## POSTAL PAY BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

Washington, D. C.—The senate passed the postal pay and rate increase bill although house leaders had served notice they would ask for its return to that body on the ground that it was revenue-raising legislation and as such could be initiated only in the house under the constitution. The return of the bill to the senate, if effected by the house, will make it necessary in order to enact it for the house to initiate the legislation, pass it and send it to the senate for re-passage.

The measure has yet to be considered by the house postoffice committee and some time is expected to elapse before it makes a report to the house.

Representative Longworth, Ohio, and Garrett, Tennessee, the republican and democratic leaders, respectively, both declared against acceptance of the bill from the senate.

As passed, the bill provides for the same increase in the postal employees' salaries, effective as of July 1, 1924, as were carried in the pay bill approved at the last session, but vetoed by President Coolidge. It would mean an average increase of \$300 annually in the salaries.

Revised rate schedules affecting practically every class of mail also are provided to meet the salary raises, although the recommendations of the postoffice department for increases in these rates were greatly modified, particularly in the second class.

## FORBES, THOMPSON GUILTY

Ex-Director of Veterans' Bureau and Contractor Convicted. Chicago, Ill.—The federal jury which reviewed the administration of the United States veterans' bureau under Charles R. Forbes convicted Forbes and John W. Thompson, wealthy St. Louis contractor, of conspiracy to defraud the government in the allocating of veterans' hospital contracts.

Pending hearings on the defense motions for a new trial, Federal Judge Carpenter reserved sentence. The maximum penalty for the offense is two years' imprisonment or \$10,000 fine or both.

Colonel Forbes was director of the veterans' bureau under the administration of the late President Harding. It was in the capital city that he is alleged to have accepted bribes from Thompson, a millionaire St. Louis contractor, in exchange for veterans' hospital contracts.

## Three Killed When Train Hits Auto.

Prosser, Wash. — Three prominent young persons of this community were killed instantly and another critically injured when Northern Pacific east-bound train No. 42 hit their automobile on a crossing a quarter mile from the depot at 1 o'clock Sunday morning. The dead are: Marie Miles, 18; Dorothy Wilson, 17, and George Joensuu, 18. Critically injured, George Wilson, 18.

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