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GARRISON OUT BUT CONGRESS FRAMING BILL

Army Reorganization Bill to Be Taken Up Monday by Committees—Lane Mentioned as Successor to Garrison, Along With Walsh, Harmon, Houston and Baker.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Congress will proceed to completion of a military program without regard to the resignation of Secretary Garrison, said Chairman Chamberlain, of the senate military affairs committee, after a meeting today of the committee. The committee decided to begin next Monday the framing of the army reorganization bill. While Secretary Lane was being considered in official circles as a likely choice as a successor to Lindley M. Garrison, who resigned as secretary of war, it was understood that the president has under consideration the names of two or three other men and will not make an appointment before weighing their qualifications carefully. The president has already made up his mind to appoint a democrat to the place. It was said in well informed circles that he will not be from New Jersey nor from the south. Probable Candidates. Former Governor Walsh, of Massachusetts, Secretary Houston, former Governor Harmon, of Ohio and former Mayor Baker, of Cleveland, were added to the names being discussed. It was understood however, that at least one of the men being considered by the president has not been mentioned publicly for the position of secretary of war. The cabinet met today with a vacant chair for the first time since Mr. Bryan's resignation. The departure of Mr. Garrison, with its possible effects on the administration and the preparedness program, was discussed thoroughly. Reports that there might be other resignations from the cabinet were met with denials. The resignation of Mr. Garrison, it was said at the white house today, will have no effect on the president's advocacy of the principles underlying the continental army plan, for it was said he believes firmly that the nation must have an adequate reserve army under the control of the federal government. Continental Army Doomed. Members of congress have practically convinced the president, however, that the continental army plan as originally framed by Secretary Garrison, has no chance of being approved. The cabinet remained in session nearly two hours today and it was understood that practically the entire time was devoted to discussion of domestic policies including the preparedness plans of the administration. Mr. Garrison's resignation came up in the house and was discussed in a wandering debate that ranged from politics to peace. Efforts to have printed in the record the correspondence between the president and the former secretary were lost in parliamentary maneuvers, during which Representative Gardner, one of the leaders of the preparedness advocates, declared he agreed with the former secretary.

SECRETARY OF WAR RESIGNS IN PIQUE OVER CONTINENTAL ARMY BILL



LINDLEY M. GARRISON

GARRISON QUIT CABINET BECAUSE OF CONTINENTAL ARMY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Secretary Garrison has resigned from the cabinet because President Wilson declined to insist without compromise upon the adoption of the continental army plan by congress. The resignation was tendered and accepted yesterday, and, with Mr. Garrison, the assistant secretary of war, Henry C. Breckenridge, left the service of the government. Today the president finds himself personally in charge of the administration's plans for strengthening the army and working out a definite military policy. He has not selected a successor to Mr. Garrison, and it is regarded as probable that even after the new head of the war department is named, the president will continue to handle the preparedness plans to a great extent himself. The reasons for Secretary Garrison's resignation and its acceptance by the president are disclosed in lengthy correspondence made public between them. The correspondence revealed that while the secretary left the cabinet principally because the president would not "irrevocably" support the continental army plan, his opposition to the administration's program for setting a definite time for Philippine independence as outlined in Senator Clarke's amendment to the Philippine bill was an important factor. Assistant Secretary Breckenridge, who shared Secretary Garrison's views, resigned because of loyalty to his chief. His resignation was also accepted. Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, automatically became secretary of war ad interim.

GARRISON SAYS QUILTS PUBLIC LIFE FOR GOOD AND ALL

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Lindley M. Garrison, former secretary of war, announced here today that he intended to retire "absolutely" from politics and public life. He said he would not discuss his resignation from any political angle. As to his future plans, Mr. Garrison said he expected to resume the practice of law, but where and when he was not certain. Mr. Garrison intimated that he might "do something" in the matter of giving support to the movement in favor of a continental army, the issue upon which his resignation hinged. "I intend to retire absolutely from politics and public life. Get it out of your heads that there was anything political in my action," Mr. Garrison was asked by interviewers if he intended to "follow the example of Mr. Bryan and come out publicly against any of Mr. Wilson's policies." "Absolutely not," was the reply. "Would you accept the nomination for governor of New Jersey?" was another question asked. "I would not accept the nomination for governor of New Jersey if the certificate of election was handed to me on a silver platter," he said. Mr. Garrison said that he had no knowledge of the intention of any other members of the cabinet to resign.

SEAPLANE BOMBS STRIKE RAMSGATE DANIELS DISMISSES 82 MIDSHIPMEN

LONDON, Feb. 11.—An official statement issued by the German general staff is forwarded by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent as follows: "On the afternoon of February 9 some of our naval aeroplanes dropped bombs freely on the harbor works, factories and barracks at Ramsgate, south of the mouth of the Thames." The official British account of yesterday's daylight raid said bombs were dropped in the vicinity of Ramsgate and the neighboring town of Broadstairs, and that the material damage was confined to the shattering of glass. Two women and one child were injured. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Secretary Daniels today approved the recommendation of the academic board at the naval academy dismissing 82 midshipmen for failure in their studies. Their names may be made public later. Of those dismissed three are of the first class, nineteen of the second, twenty of the third and forty of the fourth class. In announcing his decision Secretary Daniels said that while the navy needed more officers, only those who could meet the high standards and qualify by examination could be retained.

WALLA WALLA ISOLATED BY FLOOD

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 11.—Walla Walla, cut off from the outside world by floods in every stream in the valley, that took embankments and railroad bridges before them, is isolated today and there is no immediate hope for train service. One train reached Walla Walla today, that from Dayton, thirty miles away, a branch line. The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation road is cut off between here and Starbuck, to the north; between here and Weston in two places, to the south, and to the west in three places this side of Wallula. The Northern Pacific line from Pasco is out in two places. No other damage is resulting from the high waters, and Mill creek, which usually causes heavy damage to Walla Walla at flood periods, is well within its banks.

COLUMBIA RIVER ICE JAM BREAKS FREEING FLOOD

Ice Running Thick—Crest of Willamette Flood Passes Portland—River Registers 19.8 Feet—Little Damage Done—New Flood Coming From Eugene.

PORTLAND, Feb. 11.—Recording a stage of 19.9 feet, the crest of the Willamette river flood passed Portland at 10:30 a. m. today. Half an hour later the government gauge registered 19.8 feet above the low water mark. A heavy flood is coming down the Columbia. This will back the Willamette up, but it is believed a sufficient volume will have passed out of the Willamette before the crest of the main stream arrives at the confluence of the rivers to prevent serious consequences. Aside from the inundation of docks, from which all merchandise had been removed, and the flooding of basements on the waterfront, little damage was done in Portland by the high waters. The last of the 300 tons of cargo on the lower floor of municipal dock No. 1 was removed late yesterday and the dock was flooded this morning.

Ice Jam Breaks. Word reached here that the ice jam at the Cascade Locks in the Columbia went out this morning, releasing a great volume of water. Ice is running thick. No word has been received as to whether the ice in which the steamer Tahoma has been imprisoned below there for a month has broken up or not. Her crew is on board and her position is regarded as perilous. During the last 24 hours the Columbia at Cascade Locks rose 6.5 feet, while at The Dalles it rose 7.5 feet. Due to the rains of yesterday and last night, the upper Willamette and its tributaries are again rising. It will not bring a crest, however, as high as that which just passed Portland. Farms Submerged. Over 100 farm houses near Lents, a suburb of Portland, were flooded today by the overflowing water from Johnson creek. People were moving all their household effects on rafts. In some instances livestock was placed in the second stories of buildings. On several highways the water is six feet deep at places. A rumor last night that an attempt would be made to blow up a dike east of Lents caused citizens to establish patrols. The breaking of the dike would have caused the district to be flooded with seven feet of water.

ENSIGN GUILTY OF NEGLIGENCE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—Ensign Robert D. Kirkpatrick pleaded guilty today to charges of negligence and inefficiency before a court martial on the battleship Oregon in the proceedings to fix the blame for the disappearance last August of a secret battle signal code book from the destroyer Hull. Trial of Lieutenant Herbert A. Jones, commanding the Pacific fleet torpedo division, held responsible as commanding officer, will be held later today. The trial lasted but a few minutes. Paymaster E. H. Douglass of the supply ship Glacier appeared as counsel for Ensign Kirkpatrick. He pleaded that the mental anguish suffered by the officer had punished him sufficiently already. The court retired to find a verdict after ordering the resumption of proceedings later in the day to try Lieutenant Jones.

BELGIANS DENY PEACE PROPOSALS FROM GERMANY

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The Belgian legation announced today that the rumors which have been circulated that peace proposals recently were made by Germany to the Belgian government are devoid of foundation.

WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS INVALID DEAD AFTER FIFTY YEARS IN BED



Miss Fancher

FAMOUS INVALID DEAD AFTER FIFTY YEARS IN HER BED

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Miss Molly Fancher, who celebrated her "golden jubilee" as an invalid eight days ago, died today at her home in Brooklyn. Miss Fancher was known to thousands through the extraordinary correspondence she built up during the half century of her invalidism. Although bedridden and only able to move her right arm, she worked unceasingly at knitting and embroidery and is said to have used up 100,000 pounds of worsted. In 1866, when Miss Fancher was 17 years old and noted for her beauty, she was thrown from her horse and injured. A year later she was the victim of a street car accident which deprived her of the use of all her limbs except her right arm. For nine years she remained in a terrible condition, during which period her friends insisted she was clairvoyant. It was in these years that she built up her correspondence, dictating 6000 letters. During the fifty years of her imprisonment in a sick room Miss Fancher's chief nourishment was the juice of fruits.

PRESIDENT WINS NICARAGUA TREATY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—President Wilson practically won his fight for ratification of the Nicaraguan treaty in the executive session of the senate today. Some of its most virulent opponents said the administration had won enough votes to command the necessary two-thirds and they predicted its ratification tomorrow. Assurances to Costa Rica, Salvador and Honduras that none of their rights will be violated by the United States acquiring a naval base in the Bay of Fonseca will be incorporated in the ratification regulation on the Nicaraguan treaty, which the senate is expected to pass tomorrow.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE TURKISH AMBASSADOR

PETROGRAD, via London, Feb. 11.—A dispatch from Teheran says that Asim Bey, Turkish ambassador to Persia, has been captured by a patrol of Cossacks near Kerendi. Three companions, who were taken prisoners at the same time have proved to be the Austrian military attaché and two Austrian prisoners of war who escaped from the Russians some time ago.

VILLA MOVING TOWARDS MADERA IS LATEST RUMOR

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 11.—Francisco Villa is believed to be moving toward Madera, Chihuahua, according to official reports today to General Gavira, commandant at Juarez. Gavira said his informant reported Villa between Las Cruces and Namiquipa, many miles west of his customary haunts in the Santa Clara ranch district.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 11.—General Carranza, accompanied by Generals Obregon, Benjamin Hill, Luis Caballero and Candido Aguilar, have arrived at Guamajala, according to advices from Mexico City to the Mexican consulate here today. BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Feb. 11.—Anberto Pizana, alleged leader of the "Texas revolution," held responsible for border troubles and general unrest last summer and fall, was captured yesterday and brought to Matamoros, Mex., opposite here, according to an official report to Colonel A. P. Blockson, commanding the United States border patrol today.

SWISS INVEST ALL IN GERMAN BONDS

PARIS, Feb. 11.—A Geneva dispatch to the Journal says that public opinion in Switzerland is deeply moved by the revelation that responsible officials of the federal insurance directorate transferred all the federal insurance funds, with the exception of six hundred thousand francs, into German bonds and stocks since the war began. This discovery, the dispatch says, was made by the board of auditors of the federal council during the periodical examination of the insurance records.

DAVIES NOMINATED DAKOTA POSTMASTER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—President Wilson today nominated H. S. Davies as postmaster at Devils Lake, N. D., and thereby ended a fight over continuation which has engaged the senate for more than a year. J. H. Bloom and his wife were successively nominated for the place and repeatedly rejected.

CZAR NICHOLAS OFF FOR BATTLE FRONT

LONDON, Feb. 11.—A Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company says that Emperor Nicholas yesterday left for the front.

BERLIN CLAIMS TWO OF BRITAIN'S CRUISERS SUNK

Official Statement Asserts German Torpedo Craft Sunk Warships—British Issue Denial—Violent Artillery Battle in Flanders—Four French Attacks Repulsed.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—A Berlin official statement received here today asserts that a British cruiser has been sunk by a German torpedo craft and another British cruiser torpedoed. The British official press bureau denies this.

The German statement was to the effect that the German torpedo craft met British cruisers off the Dogger bank Thursday night and sank the new cruiser Arabis and torpedoed a second cruiser.

In giving out the German message for publication the press bureau appended the following:

"The British admiralty states that the cruisers above mentioned were four mine-sweeping vessels, three of which have returned safely."

Violent Artillery Duel.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Feb. 11.—A dispatch from Ghent to the Echo Belge says that on the Belgian front, between Ypres and Armentieres, a violent artillery battle has been in progress ten days. The Germans are strengthening their lines, but the opinion prevails that they have postponed the large offensive movement until the weather is more favorable. Allied airmen are developing unprecedented activity and constantly shelling camps, artillery parks and military buildings in the hands of the Germans. Camp Southwell, the dispatch says, finally was visited during the last week by forty-seven raiding aviators who did considerable damage to German military property.

Four Attacks by French. BERLIN, Feb. 11.—The repulse of four successive attacks made by the French in efforts to recapture the trenches they had lost northwest of Ypres, in the Artois, was announced today by German army headquarters. The French also failed in assaults to the south of the Somme. The official statement says: "Northwest of Vimy the French, after artillery preparations lasting for hours, attempted four times to recapture the trenches they had lost. All their attacks failed. South of the Somme they were also unable to recapture any part of the two lost positions. "On the Aisne and in the Champagne there have been local artillery duels of a lively character."

SECRET ORDERS BY BRITAIN TO SHIP OWNERS TO ARM

BERLIN, Feb. 11.—Appendices attached to the German memorandum notifying neutral nations that armed merchantmen belonging to the countries at war with Germany would be considered warships include alleged secret instructions by the British admiralty found on the British steamer Woodfield. The Woodfield was sunk November 11 last. A list of the crew aboard showed a gun captain and gun crew from the navy on board the vessel. The instructions opened by declaring: "The ratings embarked as a gun crew will sign the ship's articles at the rate of pay communicated. . . . Ratings are not required for duties not connected with armament, except in case of emergency. . . . They are to keep watch at sea and also when the ship is anchored at any place where it is liable to attack by a submarine. They will not mess with the crew, but in one of the officers' messes. Uniforms will not be worn in neutral ports." The next section, under the title, "Drill and Maintenance of Guns," gives instructions for supplementing the gun crew from the regular members of the crew for the supply of ammunition, gun practice, etc.