

LANSING DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF MARKET LEAK

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"At about 11 o'clock I received the newspaper correspondents and told them that I would have an important communication for them at 5 o'clock, to be released the next morning. I told them in confidence, as I was afraid its contents might come back from Europe in garbled form. Further, I thought it courteous not to make it public until it had been received by the countries to which it was addressed. I told them it did not contain any proposal of peace nor offer of mediation.

"That evening at my house Ambassador Willard (of Spain) told me he had been advised of the contents of the note by the president, and we discussed the advisability of him addressing Spain on the subject. The next morning the note was made public in the press."

Mr. Lansing said he could not recall the name of any newspaper man who was present at the conference, nor did he know any details of who handled the note at the government printing office.

First Intimations.

"What was the first intimation you had that there had been a disclosure of the contents of the note?" asked Representative Campbell.

"I had none until it was stated in the newspapers," Mr. Lansing added. He had made inquiries around his department for a "leak," but failed to locate one.

"Have you any information as to a leak on the note about 11 o'clock on Wednesday?" asked Representative Campbell.

"Not to my knowledge," said Mr. Lansing.

"It has been suggested here that representatives of two newspapers may have sent out information at that time."

"I have seen references to it in the newspapers."

"Has anything been done at the state department to show whether there is any foundation for them?"

"Nothing at all. I think it would be easy to find out."

Lansing said that on the morning of this conference with the newspaper men three other men were present waiting to see him, but that he did not know they were in the room until after he had talked to the newspaper men.

"Who were these men?" asked Representative Lenoir.

"Other Auditors."

"Mr. A. E. Snowden of New York; E. H. Gaylor, a civil engineer of the navy, and Dr. N. T. McLean of the navy," said Mr. Lansing.

"The two naval officers were about to proceed to Haiti for the government."

"It is not likely that they would say anything about your statement?" suggested Representative Bennett.

"Very improbable."

Mr. Bennett recalled Secretary Lansing had stated he never speculated in the market and added, "for that reason isn't it possible that you gave little thought to the effects of a statement made by you might have on the stock market?"

"I never gave it a thought," said the secretary. "It never entered my mind. I was merely anxious to preserve the courtesy due to foreign nations in the matter."

"Was Mr. Snowden connected with the National Manufacturers' association?"

"I think so."

Statements Negative.

"With Snowden virtually a stranger to you, did it occur to you that he might make use of the information?"

"I didn't know he was there."

Questioned further about his Wednesday conference with the newspaper men, Secretary Lansing said:

"My statements regarding the note were entirely negative. I said nothing whatever about a request for terms having been made. I gave no details. I stated that at five o'clock they would be able to get an important communication sent to belligerent governments. I said that it was not a proposal of peace or an offer of mediation. Then I explained the reason I wished them to preserve confidence. I knew the note was in the hands of the printed and wanted to guard against any mere rumors that might get out."

Representative Chipfield asked Secretary Lansing about his two statements explaining the note after it had been made public.

"Were these statements made entirely on your own initiative?" asked Chipfield.

"See here," Secretary Lansing declared with emphasis, "that is way beyond the scope of this investigation."

lected that such a line of questioning was improper and the chair ruled that the secretary need not answer.

Reuming his testimony, Secretary Lansing said he did not know if representatives of Wall street papers were present at the conference of the newspaper men, and he did not know their duties.

GREEK REPLY TO ALLIES NEUTRAL

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Reuter's Athens correspondent says the Greek government has handed to the diplomatic representatives of the entente a series of statements in response to the last note for the allies. These statements, the dispatch says, are neither a refusal nor an acceptance of the entente note, but point out difficulties in the way of compliance with some of the terms.

An Athens dispatch last Saturday said the Greek government had decided to reject certain clauses of the entente note, which demands reparation for the recent outbreak at Athens, in which entente soldiers were fired on.

ATTENTION, VOTERS

Believing that the best interests of the City of Medford demand that the Hanson plan of refinancing be adopted, we hereby recommend that every citizen interested in the future welfare of the city vote for the Hanson plan.

THE JACKSON COUNTY BANK, By C. W. McDonald, President.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, By Wm. G. Tait, President.

FARMERS & FRUITGROWERS BANK, By Delroy Getchell, Pres.

MEDFORD NATIONAL BANK, By W. H. Gore, President.

(Paid Adv.)

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DENIAL MOST SWEEPING

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state their peace terms. I have never breakfasted, lunched, dined or taken any meals with Mr. Barnich. I have met him only at several banquets and large dinners when many other persons were present. I have never discussed peace or any other note, either when it was in prospect or afterwards, with Mr. Barnich or any other person engaged in the purchase or sale of securities of any kind in the stock market.

"While this is a complete denial of the only insinuations which have been made I wish to go farther and say that I have never engaged in stock market sales or purchases myself nor through brokers, friends or agents."

"I discussed the president's note with no one, first, because my oath of service requires that I make no private use of official information, and, secondly and specifically because as I have stated I had not seen the president's note and did not know that it was in preparation or even contemplated."

Ignorant of Note.

"As I have already said in a public statement, I have frequently requested the president to keep me free from any knowledge of pending international moves, so that I might not be embarrassed by requests for information from any newspaper correspondents who appeal to me in my office constantly for such information. The insinuations which have been made, whether conceived in political malice or merely through misinformation are wholly false and without even the faintest basis. I have not at any time since acting as Mr. Wilson's secretary, first when he was governor of New Jersey and later when he became president, been interested in any stock transactions of any kind or given any information to any other person upon which purchases or sales might be made. I wish to make this statement as sweeping and complete as I know how. I am still waiting for Mr. Wood's public apology."

Quotes President.

"I am authorized by the president to quote him as follows: "I wish in justice to Mr. Tumulty to say that he has stated the exact fact. He had no knowledge of the note whatever until it was given out for publication."

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ASHLAND AND VICINITY

Professor George Innis of Hamilton University, Minn., located in the Minneapolis-St. Paul district, visited last week with the family of his brother-in-law, Rev. H. J. Van Pelt, district superintendent. He was also greeted by Mrs. H. S. Palmer, former graduate of Hamilton, which is one of the leading Methodist

schools of the central west, and with which Professor Innis has been connected for over a quarter of a century.

W. E. Newcombe, potentate and W. H. McNair, recorder, will represent Hillah Temple at the big ceremonial which Al Kader Temple of Portland will hold on January 27. These two officers may be reinforced by the attendance of Hillah's Arab patrol, twenty strong, which has already seen active service from the Canadian to Mexican borders.

Sid Wise, former Fourth street druggist and moving picture man, is now in the employ of a stove firm in Chicago.

Odd Fellows hall was the scene of much merriment last Friday evening, the rooms having been chartered for that date by the Misses Helene Cassey, Gertrude Biede and George Coffee, who entertained a large company of intimate friends numbering about forty. Dancing, cards and other games were in order, and the hostesses served abundant refreshments, both dainty and substantial. The happy event was one of the jolliest entertainments which have taken place thus far on the New Year calendar.

Ernest Gibson is home from Weed for a visit with relatives. He is employed there as an order in the big lumber mills.

B. W. Tulett has moved the Canyon Press from Eudersville to rooms in Pioneer block, formerly occupied by Attorney Trefren, and is re-established in business in new quarters this week.

C. G. Swartzfeger, living three miles south of town, appealed to city authorities on Saturday, suffering acutely from distress which threatened to develop into peritonitis. The matter was taken charge of by the indigent committee of the council, and inasmuch as the case was one coming under jurisdiction of county authorities the patient was removed to the county hospital for treatment. Swartzfeger has a wife and three children in destitute circumstances.

Harry Cassey has returned to the Algoma lumber mills at Klamath Falls, where he has been employed for some time past, after a holiday visit with numerous relatives here.

Mrs. C. C. Harris and children have returned to their home near Salem after a visit in the family of Mr. and Mrs. James Mattiny.

The Women's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church met with Mrs. Emma Jack, on the Seaside drive, last Thursday afternoon, with thirty members and invited guests present, who partook of a turkey dinner. The feast was a composite one as supplied by various members of the society, with Mrs. Jack as the presiding genius over the banquet board, who superintended a culinary demonstration which was unsurpassed. It developed that this special event marked the birthday anniversary of a lady prominent in all church and civic activities.

The Ashland Fruit & Produce association held its annual meeting on Saturday. Comprehensive reports as submitted by A. C. Briggs, manager, revealed a gratifying condition of affairs incident to a successful year's business. There is no floating indebtedness, and in addition to declaring a 10 per cent dividend, the association appropriated \$600 to apply on a mortgage liability on its building.

The city's books will not be expeted for the present, owing to the expense involved, the figures aggregating \$1500 for the seven years since they were overhauled systematically at the hands of Messrs. Dickerson and Chausseing.

The springs water commission, which expired by limitation on January 1, has requested further time in which to make a final accounting and be relieved of personal bonds, asking that their accounts be audited. Their balance on hand at the beginning of the year was \$976.94. The personnel of the board includes Bert R. Greer, chairman; J. P. Dodge and Frank Jordan. As a result of the city election, December 19, the duties of the board devolved upon the city council on and after January 1.

One of the biggest show aggregations on the road reached here from the north Sunday evening, and was taken by special train from this terminal to San Francisco. The players constituted the Experience company.

Miss Angie Walrad is in San Francisco visiting with relatives, she having received a holiday gift of a trip to the metropolis. Her cousin, Miss Martha Smith, a trained nurse, is also health inspector of the schools in the Bay City. Miss Angie will also visit friends in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pralan.

Chief of Police Atterbury has moved into the Morris house, at the intersection of Mechanic and Skidmore streets, a property now owned by G. S. Butler.

Mrs. Elsie Churchman and children have returned home from a visit with relatives in Portland.

M. C. Brysinger returned on Saturday from Springfield after a brief business trip to Ashland. He was accompanied by a banner of local Odd Fellows on their way to install the officers of the lodge at Gold Hill, Saturday evening, and Brecker secured

a stop-over in order to participate in the ceremonies and act the part of orator on the occasion.

Thornton Wiley has bought of G. S. Butler four acres of orchard, mostly cherries, in West Ashland, on which is a substantial residence. As an exchange, Butler takes Wiley's property on Iowa street as part payment, balance on a cash basis. The deal involves about \$4500.

On Wednesday, January 19, occurs the annual meeting of the Congregational church at the manse. Dinner at 6:30, served by the Ladies' Aid. The business meeting follows with reports of the church's activities in general and election of officers.

The Inland Empire special arrived here on Sunday at 1 p. m., and was met by Mayor Lamkin, who wished the excursionists goodspeed to Los Angeles.

The park commission's report for 1916 showed receipts of \$4043.76 and expenses of \$3572.07. The major revenue was from taxes, \$3134.07, and the chief outlay was for labor, \$2080.27. Among expenses was \$50 contributed towards the Fourth of July celebration and \$25 to the boys' band. The board now consists includes Mrs. Elizabeth Van Sant, Mrs. Marie Vampel, G. S. Butler, W. B. Holmes and F. E. Watson, the last three having been chosen at the recent city election.

Police annals for 1916 record 9980 jobs as the number having been rounded up at the chief detention camp on Fourth street. For the past five years the number aggregated 75,000. Spirituous and fermented liquors were imported through legitimate channels to the extent of 1735 gallons, wet measure, valued at \$9830.

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Everything is quiet here these days. La grippe is all we hear about. There isn't hardly a house in town that has not one or two down with la grippe.

Mrs. Morgan seems greatly improved at this writing.

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FOR RENT—On shares, 50-acre orchard of 12-year Newtown and Spitz apples, together with about 20 acres, part under cultivation, five acres being under water. 12 miles from Medford, three from railroad. For further information address P. O. Box 881, Medford. *

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WANTED—One or two good farm horses. Phone 403-232. 246

WANTED—300 feet galvanized or wrought iron 1/2 inch or 3/4 inch pipe. Quote price. Box 40, Mail Tribune. 246

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WANTED—Baby Grand Piano. Spot cash. Box B, Mail Tribune. 249

WANTED—A barrel of good cider vinegar at De Voes. *