

U. S. TAKES HAND, OREGON JAP CRISIS

LODGE ASKS HALT, ANTI-JAP ACTION

Senator McNary Informs State Senator Lachmund That the Chairman of Foreign Relations Opposes Oregon Legislation Excluding Japs—Fish Code Passes.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—Because the new national administration that will be ushered into office next March intends enacting comprehensive legislation on the Japanese question, United States Senator Lodge, chairman of the foreign relations committee, advised against any state legislation on the subject, according to a telegram received today by Senator Lachmund from United States Senator Charles L. McNary.

The message was in response to a telegram sent by Lachmund as a member of a legislative committee named to confer with committees from the Idaho and Washington legislatures in regard to anti-Japanese legislation. The Washington legislature has decided not to participate in the proposed conference which was to have been held in Portland tomorrow.

Senator McNary's telegram read: "With Senator Lodge, chairman of the foreign relations committee, I discussed today the Japanese question from a federal standpoint. He gave as his opinion that the government early in the next administration would take care of this question in any way satisfactory to the western people and that the states concerned should take no action that might lead to governmental embarrassment in consideration of this important subject."

Lachmund in his telegram asked what prospects there were for federal legislation also for guidance as to what to do in connection with the conference.

Fish Code Passes
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—The house this forenoon passed the commercial fish code under which all of the commercial fishing interests are segregated from the game interests by the division of what was formerly the fish and game commission and the creation of a separate commission. A companion bill creates a game commission.

The house today passed a bill increasing the authority of the state fire marshal and defining his duties more clearly.

Other bills passed today was one to regulate cattle running at large and one relating to a revision of the workmen's compensation code.

The latter bill is the one agreed upon by the committee of fifteen appointed six months ago by the governor to suggest improvements in the present code.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 12.—Oscar Boklen, shot by Tom Orchard, an Indian on Vashon island, December 8, is dead from his wounds. Gerard was arrested today by King county authorities and he will be charged with first or second degree murder. The shooting is alleged to have taken place during a dispute over the possession of a tract of land.

Senator Announces He Will Ask Judge Landis' Impeachment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Senator Dial of South Carolina, announced today in the senate that he would bring impeachment proceedings against Federal Judge Landis of Chicago. Carey, who pleaded guilty to embezzling \$96,000 from the National City Bank of Ottawa, Ill., was released yesterday on his own recognizance by Judge Landis, who was quoted as saying the bank directors really were responsible for the theft because they paid Carey only \$90 a month.

"Any man who utters that kind of statements," said Senator Dial, "is not worthy of public confidence and should be impeached."

Senator Dial said he had written to Chicago to obtain confirmation of the statements credited to Judge Landis.

DEMOCRAT IS THROWN OUT OF CONGRESS SEAT

George S. Grigsby, Delegate From Alaska, Not Entitled to Seat in House Reports Committee—No Vacancy Held to Exist.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—George S. Grigsby, democrat delegate from Alaska, is not entitled to his seat in the house, the elections committee reported today after long investigation. The committee held that James Wickersham, republican, had been duly elected to serve in the present congress which expires March 4.

The committee held that Grigsby had no legal right to sit in the house because he was elected at a special election called to fill a vacancy when no vacancy existed.

In the 1919 election, Wickersham was opposed by Charles A. Sulzer, democrat, who died before the canvass of the vote was announced. The Sulzer plurality was less than 40 on the face of returns and the certificate of election was issued in his name. Grigsby was elected at a special election in which Wickersham was not a candidate. The latter made his fight on the ground that he should have been awarded the certificate which was issued to his opponent, then dead, and the committee sustained him, holding that Sulzer had not been duly elected.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 12.—R. Vaes of San Francisco, reported to police today that shortly after his arrival here from San Francisco last night he was set upon by three men who beat him almost into unconsciousness, robbed him of \$200 and a gold watch and chain and left him lying in an alley near the waterfront. He managed to get to his hotel room, but did not recover sufficiently from his beating to report the attack until this afternoon.

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GERMANY IS INCLINED TO BE DEFIANT

"Not Going to Be Dictated to," Says Dr. Wirth Minister of Finance—Germany to Make Reparation Proposals of Its Own—America Must Take Hand.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—(By Associated Press.) Germany is not going to the London reparations conference to be dictated to, Dr. Wirth, the minister of finance, told the Bremen Chamber of Commerce today. Great economic questions could not be solved in that way, he added.

"We are prepared to accomplish all we can," he continued, "because we feel under a moral obligation to assist in reconstruction, and we will make reparation proposals of our own in London."

"The newspaper reports on this subject are incorrect, our offer will not be a small one. The nation must learn to realize that what we shall offer cannot be extracted from the national wealth but must be produced by work."

"America cannot hold aloof," added the finance minister, "when the economic forces of the entire world shall assemble around one table, and all plans are more theories unless the whole economic world is prepared to cooperate."

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The reparations committee has transmitted to Walker D. Hines, American arbitrator in the distribution of German inland shipping under the peace treaty, its determination of the allies' losses to be paid from Germany's Rhine fleet at 820,000 tons, sixty-three per cent of which was incurred by France, 33 per cent by Belgium and four per cent by other countries.

The entire river fleet is placed at upward of six million tons, and the losses are less than the 20 per cent limit the treaty placed on the amount Germany must replace.

Houston Is Praised
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—More than one suggestion that Great Britain's war debt to the United States be written off has come from British sources, a member of the senate foreign relations committee said today after Secretary Houston had been closeted with the committee for two hours discussing the status of American government foreign loans.

Committee members said Mr. Houston had confirmed that the British government had made a formal proposal to cancel the debt and that the treasury department had refused.

First intimation that such a proposal had been made was given by J. Austen Chamberlain, British chancellor of the exchequer, in a recent address in England.

Some senators said the course of Secretary Houston in dealing with such suggestions had been "eminently satisfactory."

Mr. Houston was said to have reiterated that the only course open to him was to follow the law authorizing the treasury department to exchange the present allied certificates of indebtedness for long term notes.

FIRM AS GIBALTAR, HIS MEMORY STANDS



COUNTRY HONORS LINCOLN'S MEMORY HARDING TO DELIVER MESSAGE

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—President-elect Warren Harding at St. Augustine, Fla., will press the button that will start the annual Lincoln day banquet of the Young Men's republican club here today and later will deliver a message to the club to be delivered by direct wire over a distance of more than 3,000 miles. The wire connection will be the longest direct connection in the world, according to the banquet committee.

Colonel Charles E. Stanton, of San Francisco, author of the famous expression "La Fayette, we are here," at the Fourth of July celebration in Paris in 1917, will be the principal speaker at the banquet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Lincoln's birthday was observed in the house today with an address by Representative Yates of Illinois, whose father, the war governor of that state, was elected on the same ticket with the martyred president. Representative Yates, himself a former governor of Illinois, dwelt upon the life and characteristics of Mr. Lincoln.

Representative Osborn of California a veteran of the civil war, presided.

TWO KILLED IN RED RIOTS AT ITALIAN PORT

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Two persons were killed and fifteen wounded yesterday in a conflict between communists and extreme nationalists at the naval shipyard at Monteleone, Italy, says a Rome dispatch to the Central News.

TRIESTE, Feb. 11.—Disorders occurred in the town of Monfalcone, 21 miles from here today and it is reported that several persons were wounded. The trouble, it is reported, arose over the burning of the plant occupied by the socialist daily Il Lavoratore here Wednesday. Some communists became involved in an argument with two extreme nationalists, and a fight resulted. Troops were called out and workmen holding a shipbuilding yard were forced to withdraw, and red guards retired from the scene of the trouble.

A telegram tonight stated that the place was quiet.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Feb. 12.—John McDowell, a Baldwin-Felts employee, present at the Matewan battle last May, was the first witness called by the prosecution in the trial of nineteen men for murder today. The first shot of the battle that resulted in the death of ten men came from the doorway of a hardware store near the railroad station, according to McDowell. He could not say who was the first man killed. He testified that Sid Hatfield, Matewan police chief, Albert C. Felts and Mayor C. C. Testerman, all of whom were killed, were gathered about the doorway.

On cross-examination, Attorney J. J. Coniff went back into what has been accepted as the cause of the battle, the eviction of miners from houses owned by the Stone Mountain Coal company.

McDowell was uncertain as to the number of families evicted by the Baldwin-Felts detectives that day, but said he believed there were five or six.

"While a few of us were taking the furniture from a house," said the witness, "Mr. Felts, who was in charge, said two or three of you had better get your rifles for yonder comes the mayor, Sid Hatfield and a gang of men. We did as we were told. Hatfield, Mayor Testerman and two or three others came up to where we were and protested against the eviction."

Bomb Exploded in Democratic Meeting Six Men Injured

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—A bomb explosion at the nineteenth ward democratic headquarters last night seriously injured six men and was attributed to politics today by Anthony D'Andrea, candidate for the city council from that ward. A big hole was blown in the wall of the brick building close to the speakers' stand where D'Andrea had just finished addressing a crowd of about 300 of his adherents.

Alderman John Powers who for thirty-three years has represented that ward in the city council and state senate and is a candidate for re-election to the council, said today he hoped no one would believe that he would "countenance such an action," by any of his followers.

Two of D'Andrea's precinct captains suffered broken legs, one had his leg blown off and several others were hurt.

"BUT WE GOT THE SHIPS!" IS HURLEY REPLY

Former Chairman Ship Board Admits Hold Ups and High Prices, but Got the Ships—Optimistic Regarding Future Merchant Marine.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—E. N. Hurley of Chicago, former chairman of the shipping board, testified today before a house committee investigating shipping board operations that he had been told by Clemenceau at the Paris peace conference that the appearance of Charles M. Schwab had frightened the Germans, heartened the French and enthused the British.

Describing Mr. Schwab as the "foremost captain of industry in the country," Mr. Hurley said he had been instrumental in getting Mr. Schwab to serve, because he realized that "satisfactory progress was not being made in the building of new yards and in the construction of wooden ships."

Reviewing the board's work generally during the war, Mr. Hurley said mistakes had been made, but that the board was able to turn out ships in great enough numbers to help turn the tide at the most critical period of the war.

Asked whether any ship construction companies had "held up" the government during the war, Mr. Hurley exclaimed: "They drove hard bargains, every one of them—you would have done the same—but they delivered the ships."

Ships In a Hurry
Mr. Hurley denied he had promised wooden shipyard owners sufficient contracts for three turns on their ways, regardless of an early termination of the war.

Discussing the placing of contracts in Japan for steel ships, Mr. Hurley said the increased expense was justified.

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EFFORT TO OUST CUPPER IS BEATEN

After Protracted and Bitter Fight Conspiracy to Get the State Engineer's Scalp Fails in House by Vote of 11 to 43—Armistice Bill Signed by Governor.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—By a vote of 11 to 43, the house defeated house bill 178, under which it was proposed to oust State Engineer Percy A. Cupper from office and make radical changes in the irrigation laws of the state, at the close of a protracted session that lasted until nearly 10 o'clock last night.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—Senator Hare halted final passage on the game code bill, up as a special order at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when he objected to the dates of the open season provided on deer and moved that the bill be tabled until further study of the point could be made. Up to this point it was believed that the bill would go through without debate as soon as Senator Gill had explained minor amendments to be made on the floor. The bill was tabled on Hare's motion.

Armistice Day Holiday.
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—Armistice day is made a legal holiday in Oregon by a bill passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Ben W. Olcott today. He also signed bills providing for organization of a board of aircraft examiners, regulating flyers and registering aviators.

Other measures signed by the governor were: Granting timber owners a hearing before the state board of forestry on fire protection.

Making registration lists furnishing police officers and other authorities admissible as evidence.

Providing for regulating and licensing of day nurseries.

Relating to line fences.

Providing for patrol of forests to prevent fires.

Providing admittance of world war veterans to soldiers' home.

Lincoln Honored.
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—In observance of Lincoln's birthday and on motion of Senator Eddy of Douglas county, Walter L. Tooze, reading clerk of the senate read the Gettysburg address of Lincoln when the senate opened this morning. Colonel Mercer, chaplain of the senate in his prayer, made comment on the life and service of the martyred president. A number of Civil war veterans occupied chairs at the front of the senate chamber.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—With the understanding that the bill will be amended by the attaching of a clause referring it to the people, senate bill 115 by Vinton and Ryan, providing for the taxation of all bonds except federal bonds, was reconsidered today and referred to the insurance committee of the senate. The bill failed on final passage yesterday.

Senate bill 251, by Banks, relating to notes taken in payment of insurance premiums, which failed yesterday, was today reconsidered and passed.

FLEET OF U. S. AIRPLANES SCOURING COUNTRY, SEARCH MISSING AVIATOR

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—Lieutenant Alexander Pearson, for whom army aviators are searching in Texas, was the first in actual flying time in the cross-country flight from Mineola N. Y., to San Francisco and back in October, 1919. His home is in Portland, Ore. He graduated from the high school at Hutchinson, Kas., before coming west, and was attending the University of Oregon when the war started.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 12.—Airplanes from all stations in the air service of the border patrol assembled at Fort Bliss today to start at once on a systematic search for Lieutenant Alexander Pearson, aviator who is believed to have met with an accident while flying from Fort Bliss to San Antonio. Headquarters of the first surveillance group at Fort Bliss announced

that the planes would be sent out in every direction, permission from Mexico will be obtained, if possible, it was announced for airplanes to cross the border to try to find the aviator. It also was announced that Mexican state and city governments would be requested to ask the citizens of Mexico to assist in the hunt.

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This is the route Lieutenant Alexander Pearson, missing aviator, would have chosen, had he been flying a compass route. The time corresponds to the date of departure from El Paso at 10:30 Thursday morning.

TO SAFEGUARD U. S. A. FROM EUROPE TYPHUS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—New methods to safeguard the United States from Europe's typhus epidemic were under consideration today by the federal authorities and confidence was expressed that the more than 35 cases found among passengers aboard steamships arriving at New York will not result in the spread of the disease to the United States.

Imposition of new regulations abroad and at American ports was considered as likely to result from a conference today between Ewing Laporte, assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of public health, and Surgeon General Cumming of the public health service.

Dawes Proves to Be the Mystery Man of Harding's Cabinet

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 12.—Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, who has been considered for secretary of the treasury under the coming administration, had an hour's conference today with President-elect Harding and went away without answering any questions about his chances of appointment.

Mr. Harding also declined to talk, except to say that they discussed co-ordination of government departments.

"It was the most illuminating hour I have experienced since I was elected president," said Mr. Harding, and that closed the subject.

CHILE TO BORROW FROM U. S. BANKERS

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 12.—General improvements on the Chilean state railways and purchase of new equipment and the liquidation of the deficit accumulated during the past two years will be carried out by means of the \$ per cent loan of \$24,000,000 negotiated by the Bank of Chile and a group of North American bankers.

The loan will mature in twenty years, but may be repaid before that time at the option of the Chilean government.

EIGHT YEAR OLD GIRL HAS TALKED FOR A WEEK, AND CAN'T STOP IT

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Feb. 12.—The baffling case of little Miriam Rubin, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rubin, of Waukegan, today attracted the attention of noted specialists as the child began her eighth day of talking without cessation.

A week ago yesterday the girl complained of pains about her arms and shoulders. The following night she began talking. She has been talking constantly ever since, all efforts by medical specialists and others having failed.

Propped up in bed the child talks rationally, and, although of unusually serious disposition, occasionally smiles or laughs when anything is said or a situation develops that ordinarily arouses mirth. At first Miriam talked in a normal voice, but now she speaks more quietly.

Except for two hours last Monday night she has had no sleep, outside of a few occasional moments of drowsiness during which she continued to talk.

Her dolls, doll clothes, her studies in school, her teacher, and dance lessons are among her many topics. She eats heartily.

Specialists advanced the theory that her condition might be a forerunner to sleeping sickness, but there have been no manifestations of unusual drowsiness; in fact, Miriam has been very much wide-awake.