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THREATS OF DEATH STIR WASHINGTON

Society Women at National Capital Receive Black Hand Missives Demanding From \$15,000 to \$25,000 Each—Wife of Copper King and Mrs. Townsend Favored.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Threats of death unless large sums of money ranging from \$15,000 to \$25,000 are paid were said by Washington police today to have been received within the last few days by four prominent society leaders of the capital. The police as well as department of justice operatives were said to be investigating the origin of the threats.

The threatening letters, it was said by a prominent police official, have been received by Henry White, former American ambassador to France and one of the Versailles conference; Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, widow of the late Montana "copper king"; Mrs. Scott Townsend, a well known society leader, and Madame Christian Haughe, widow of a former Norwegian minister to the United States.

Police and department of justice officials alike were disinclined to discuss the matter and friends of several of those reported to have received the letters denied any information as to threats. Definite information, however, was obtained from the police that an investigation was being made, and one police official said an arrest was expected at any time.

The letters, according to the police, instructed the recipients to leave the sums demanded in lonely spots around the city. One of the recipients, it was said, was told to put the money in a tin can and drop it out of her automobile at a certain place. The chief of the women's bureau of the police department, it was asserted, followed out the directions with plain clothes men stationed in the vicinity, but no one picked up the can.

HARDING RECEPTION IS DECLARED OFF

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Due to the Roma disaster and the mourning occasioned by the loss of lives of army personnel President and Mrs. Harding today announced postponement until April 19 of the army and navy reception set for tonight at the White House.

Four thousand invitations were issued to officers of the army and navy. Secretary Weeks was understood to have laid before President Harding today an informal report from Major General Patrick, chief of the air service, who made a preliminary examination of the Roma disaster.

Sentenced to Death For Killing Boy Who Winked at His Wife

BENTON, Ill., Feb. 23.—John Savant under sentence to hang for killing a delivery boy whom he accused of winking at his wife, has abandoned his efforts to die by starvation and is devoting his last hours to writing letters to his wife and to playing a phonograph.

Savant was under the impression that he would hang tomorrow, but the sheriff was notified today that he had been granted a reprieve until April 21.

RUSSIAN PROFESSOR SAYS SOVIET GOV'T WILL SOON BE OVERTHROWN

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 23.—The prediction that it would not be long before the Russian soviet government would be bankrupt and overthrown, was made by Dr. Joseph M. Goldstein in an address at a conference on Russian affairs at Clark university today. Dr. Goldstein was formerly director of the university of Moscow and for many years economic adviser to ministers under the imperial government. "What the war failed to do in the

Legion Commander Flays Baiters of Roman Catholics



INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—A plea for religious tolerance has been made by Hunford MacNider, commander of the American Legion, in a letter to the editor of The Protestant, published in Washington, D. C., it was announced today. "This country," the letter says, "was formed by men who sought religious tolerance, and it is that spirit which has made it free, fine and worth living in. I happen to be a protestant and attend a protestant church, but as a member of many Masonic bodies of which I have taken a mere or less active part I have great admiration for that institution, the Roman Catholic church. Its steadfastness and teachings for the preservation of the integrity of our lawful government were well exemplified in the heroic deaths of men who served in my own command. And I might add that the chaplains of that faith gave a human touch to their splendid service that made them beloved by all, Jew, protestant and Catholic alike."

EX-TREASURER UNITED STATES LOSES FORTUNE

John Burke Ruined By Failure of N. Y. Brokerage Firm of Which He Was Member—Believed Innocent Victim—Legal Action Promised

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Liabilities of the brokerage firm of Kardos and Burke, which last night went into the hands of a receiver, were variously estimated here today at from \$700,000 to \$1,500,000.

John Burke, former treasurer of the United States whose signature appeared on bank notes issued from early in 1913 until his resignation a little more than a year ago, declared today he had lost everything in the collapse of the business. Bankers who had been associated with him in business were quoted as saying they believed he had been an "innocent dupe" in the development of the amazing situation revealed by the failure.

Legal actions against a number of firms that are members of the New York Stock Exchange might, it was intimated, be instituted. It was indicated that if the suits were successful the firm might pay its creditors dollar for dollar.

John Burke was three times governor of North Dakota before becoming treasurer of the United States in March, 1913. His partner, Louis Montgomery Kardos, was a poor immigrant from Hungary nine years ago and found his first employment in the IF manual district as a \$10 a week mes-

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PRESIDENT'S SUBSTITUTE IS REJECTED

Foreign Relations Committee Refuses to Accept Reservation As Altered at White House—Adjournment Taken Until Tomorrow—Lodge Hope to Effect Compromise.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—A modified blanket reservation to the four power Pacific treaty laid before the senate foreign relations committee today by Chairman Lodge after a conference with President Harding, met with immediate opposition from several republican as well as democratic committee members.

The new reservation intended as a substitute for that proposed several days ago by Senator Brandegee, republican, Connecticut, provides that nothing in the treaty shall be construed as committing the United States to an exercise of armed force without the consent of congress.

After more than an hour's debate, which failed to win over to the new proposal any of the senator's who had supported the Brandegee reservation, the committee adjourned until tomorrow without action.

Senator Lodge, after spending nearly an hour with President Harding declared on leaving the White House that he hoped "that we will be able to reach an agreement."

The chairman declined to disclose details of his conversation with the president but advanced the opinion that the agreement which he hoped would be reached on reservations would speed ratification of the pact by the senate. He likewise said the time would not reveal his own position regarding the Brandegee or other proposed reservations.

Borah and Johnson Lead

Although Senator Lodge did not inform his colleagues as to the attitude of the president, other committee members gained the impression that the modified reservation would be acceptable to the White House. It had been discussed at the earlier conference between Lodge and Mr. Harding, but it was not formally offered to the committee with administration backing. The committee chairman said afterward that he only had "suggested it."

Senators Borah, republican, Idaho, and Johnson, republican, California, both pronounced the modified draft as unsatisfactory while Senator Brandegee and other republican and democratic advocates of the Brandegee reservation withheld a decision and indicated by their attitude in the discussion that they did not find the new proposal readily acceptable.

At the close of the committee session no one would predict whether the new reservation could muster a majority of the committee.

Those who found the reservation unacceptable were said to have argued that it did not fully cover the possibility that decisions reached under the treaty provisions not involving armed force, might become binding on this government without congressional authorization. That possibility is specifically treated in the reservation of Senator Brandegee.

The committee will meet again tomorrow and in the meantime numerous conferences are to be held.

At the same time the senate itself had before it for debate the separate treaty with Japan relating to Yap and other former German islands in the Pacific.

STRIKE ANOTHER BIG OIL GASSER, CALIF.

WHITTIER, Cal., Feb. 23.—A new gasser, the third in six weeks, came in early today at Santa Fe Springs near here, shooting gas some 800 feet into the air when the oil well boring on the Powell Howard lease struck gas. This is within three-quarters of a mile of the Bell No. 2 gasser of the Union Oil company which for more than a week furnished a spectacular fire and which today continues to blow gas.

The Daily Bank Robbery

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23.—Robbers last night gained entrance to the Montavilla bank here and made an unsuccessful attempt to blow the safe, according to a report to the police. Entrance to the building was gained by prying open the back door.

Taylor and Admirer



It required no effort for Mary Miles Minter to smile at William Desmond Taylor in this photograph, for she frankly admits she greatly admires the motion picture director and once wrote to him: "I love you."

MISS. GOVERNOR BLAMES INSUR. CO'S. FOR SUIT

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 23.—Governor Russell, in a special message to the legislature today charged certain fire insurance interests with responsibility for the \$100,000 breach of promise suit brought against him by Miss Frances Birkhead, who alleged seduction.

The governor demanded an investigation by the entire legislature into a lobby which he alleged the insurance companies were maintaining at Jackson.

After hearing the message, Representative Chaney introduced the following resolution: "Whereas, much of the time of this legislature has been taken up with the reading of misleading and insulting messages from the governor, Lee M. Russell;

Therefore, be it resolved by the house that hereafter no messages from the governor shall be received or read by this body."

The resolution was left on the table.

MORMONS PURSUED BY ENGLISH MOBS

PLYMOUTH, England, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—A number of Mormon missionaries were pursued through the streets yesterday by a mob because of their utterances in Market Square. The police rescued the Mormons with difficulty.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Some of the newspapers recently have been conducting a campaign against Mormon activities throughout the country, alleging that the missionaries were trying to obtain women converts who would proceed to Utah and embrace polygamy. This statement is denied by the Mormon elders, but their meetings have been broken up in some of the thickly populated suburban districts.

One of the Oldest Banks in Eastern Oregon Is Shut Up

THE DALLES, Ore., Feb. 23.—The French and Company bank, one of the oldest banking houses in eastern Oregon was closed this morning by State Bank Examiner Robertson. Depleted reserve was given as the reason. Officials of the bank stated that new capital would be forthcoming and that the bank will re-open in four or five days. The bank had a capital stock of \$200,000 and \$50,000 surplus. The closing order was posted ten minutes after the bank opened today.

ENGLAND UP IN AIR OVER LAST IRISH ACTION

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The British government has invited the Irish signatories to an Anglo-Irish treaty to London for an early conference on the who's situation, it was announced today in the house of commons by Winston Churchill, secretary for the colonies.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—London newspapers seemed puzzled today over the unexpected outcome of the Ard Fheis convention. Some condemn the arrangement by which the Irish elections are put off for three months while others regard it as a matter affecting principally the Irish themselves.

Some papers which have insisted on the necessity for an immediate election raise no objection to the postponement.

It is understood the members of the cabinet were surprised and somewhat perplexed. The Irish bill is expected to enter the committee stage on Monday next and the government expects the third reading next week.

DUBLIN, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—General satisfaction seems to be felt in southern Ireland over yesterday's surprise decision of the Ard Fheis for a three months' adjournment at the end of which the people will be asked to vote on a constitution as well as on the Anglo-Irish treaty.

This opinion is not unanimous however. Many heartily endorse the conventions gratification at the preservation of the Sinn Fein's unity, but some staunch supporters of the treaty are disappointed and inclined to agree with John McEntee's declared opinion that "the agreement was clearly a republican victory."

One question much discussed in some quarters is what is going to happen to the treaty bill now before the imperial parliament which it is declared is shattered to a great extent by the Ard Fheis's decision.

Stewart Patterson, Jr. Gets Full Title to Half Million Estate

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—(Special.) Stewart Patterson, Jr., 14 years old, was made sole heir to his late father's half million interest in the Stewart building in a decision yesterday by Judge Friend. Mrs. Nannie Waller Patterson, who lives with her son at Berkeley, Cal., vainly sought to prove her claim to half of her husband's interest. Controversy arose over the construction of two trust deeds and the last will of Stewart Patterson Sr. The second trust deed was executed in 1914, in which Patterson conveyed his wife one half interest, was declared void because the deed granting the son his share did not expire until 1917. A month after executing the second deed Patterson made his will, leaving his entire estate to his son.

Trotsky Willing to Turn Over Starving Prisoners to U. S. A.

MOSCOW, Feb. 23.—"We shall gladly turn over all the people in our prisons, to foreigners, if they will take them away," said Leon Trotsky, soviet war minister, in an interview with foreign correspondents who asked if he knew that prisoners were starving and dying of disease in jails. "We have our own way of dealing with prisoners," he went on. "You in the United States electorally cute them. Well, we don't. Also, what happens to prisoners during revolutions should remember their own Civil War," he added, referring to Libbey prison. "As for freeing prisoners, we haven't peace yet on our frontiers."

COURT JUSTICE IMPOSSIBLE TO THE POOR MAN

Judge Clarence Goodwin of Chicago Addresses Bar Association—Points to Advantage of Rich in Hiring Better Legal Ability.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Equality before the law is impossible so long as the rich and powerful are represented in court by highly educated lawyers while a large part of the poor and ignorant are represented by untrained and incompetent men, Judge Clarence N. Goodwin of Chicago declared in his opening address today as chairman of the conference of Bar associations here. Until such a condition is corrected, he said, there will be little justice in the courts.

The shrewd and powerful men and interests of large means are able to know who are competent and who are not, Judge Goodwin asserted, adding that it was difficult for the poor man, or the ignorant man to make any just estimate of who was capable of properly advising and representing him.

"During my years as a trial judge," the speaker said, I was frequently distressed by the fact that one side or the other in the case before me was so incompetently represented by counsel, or represented by such ignorant counsel, that owing to the learning and skill of the attorneys on the other side, it seemed impossible to get the case properly before the court, or keep error out of the record."

Judge Goodwin said that in his experience as justice of the Illinois appellate court, he found the court constantly confronted with records which showed such palpable and unmistakable errors as to make it necessary to reverse the case, although it obviously had merit.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The advisability of requiring at least a two-year college course, in addition to the regular law school training, for admission to the bar, was to be discussed at a conference of bar associations which opened here today. Clash of opinion on this subject was forecast when the meeting was called to order by Judge Clarence N. Goodwin of Chicago.

Members of the American Bar association at a recent meeting adopted a suggestion that the college course should be obligatory for all future applicants for admission to the bar.

Bagpipes were the favorite instruments of the Ancient Greeks.

LIBERTY BOND HOLDERS MADE HALF BILLION DOLLARS LAST 18 MONTHS

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—America's position as a creditor nation probably will result in the use of American capital wherever business is done, Eliot Wadsworth, assistant secretary of the treasury, said in an address before the Boston Chamber of Commerce today. This expansion depended, however, he added, on the maintaining of a "pay as we go" policy by the United States treasury. "We owe today 23 and one-half billions dollars, of which six and one-half billions is due in less than 18 months," Mr. Wadsworth said. "This is too large a proportion of floating debt for any business institution. "Our federal budget so far has balanced, but next year we face a deficit. We are considering further expenditures for a bonus, for ship subsidies, for new federal activities. To meet the deficit, to pay for these new expenditures, the money should be provided from income, not by further borrowing. "We have debts enough for future generations to care for. 'Pay as we go' must be the principle of financial management of this country, or soon we will not be talking of lending money abroad and will really have cause to worry about the future." Contrasting the great situation of currencies abroad with the situation in the United States, the assistant secretary said that in the aggregate the holders of Liberty bonds had made a profit of two and one-half billion dollars in the last year and a half.

R. R. LABOR BOARD CUTS WAGE SCALE

10,000 Railroad Firemen Are Hit By Decision of Wage Tribunal—Overtime Only After 10 Hours—No Overtime On Holidays—Eight-Hour Day Is Accepted Basis

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Another pay slash, this time hitting 10,000 railroad firemen and others was made by the United States railroad labor board today when it announced rules effective March 1, eliminating extra pay until after the tenth hour and setting up a "split trick" of eight hours within a spread of 12 without any overtime pay.

Following several other decisions virtually restoring the ten hour day for railroad workers, the board today authorized the roads to pay only pro rata wages after the regular eight hours, which the board retained in principle as constituting a day's work. Time and one-half will be paid after ten hours. In the case of the split trick, straight time will be paid for the first ten hours work, whether included in the 12 hour spread or not, and time and one-half will be given thereafter. Formerly the firemen and others, all of whom work around railroad shops were paid time and one-half after eight hours.

Sundays and holidays will be paid for at the pro rata rate, a minimum of three hours pay being made for two hours work or less. Monthly rated employees' wages are to be adjusted to eliminate the old time and one-half provision.

Ten rules regarding discipline, grievances, discrimination against committeemen and similar matters were recommended to the employees and the roads for further negotiations. The board's new rules supplant the national agreement made during federal control which has been in effect since January 10, 1920.

SLICKER SUICIDES, JUMPS FROM ROOF S. FRANCISCO HOTEL

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—Charles Guy, said by the authorities to be a business man of Pasadena, either fell or jumped from the roof of the eight-story Maryland hotel today and was instantly killed. Guy registered at the hotel two days ago.

Guy was arrested yesterday, according to the police, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, sworn to by Frank Mathieson of San Francisco, and liberated on \$1,000 bail.

According to Mathieson Guy induced him to go to Portland to invest \$250 in a supposed business enterprise. Guy left for Seattle after obtaining the \$250 and was not heard from again, Mathieson said.

Boy and Girls Drowned. KEOKUK, Iowa, Feb. 23.—Joseph Haubert, 16, and two companions, Misses Mae and Ida Priny, drowned in Lake Keokuk at 4 o'clock this morning when the automobile in which they were riding plunked off a ferryboat dock at Nauvoo, Ill.