

LANSING NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LEAK SEMICOLON KILLS INDICTMENT AGAINST GERRUE

Is Exonerated From Blame by Senator William Stone

MEMBER DEFENSE COUNCIL IS NAMED

Bernard Baruch Said to Be Official Who Profited by Advance Information on Wilson's Note to Belligerents—Charged With Selling 15,000 Shares of Steel Stock Thirty Minutes Before Crash.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Senator William J. Stone of Missouri, chairman of the foreign relations committee, today exonerated Robert Lansing, secretary of state, from all blame for the alleged "leak" from the state department, through which officials of this department are supposed to have profited.

In a speech in the house of representatives today Representative Bennett named Bernard Baruch, a member of the council for national defense, as one who profited largely through advance information on President Wilson's note to belligerent powers. Bennett charged that Baruch sold 15,000 shares of steel corporation stock on the rising market thirty minutes before the note was announced on the New York stock exchange.

BILL FOR MEALS IS CUT BY COUNCIL

The council last night voted to disallow the bill of the Rex cafe for meals served to election boards in the sum of \$5. The bill was for twenty meals at 75 cents a meal, and the council shaved it to 50 cents a meal. The item for \$3 for jitney hire to the election booths was allowed.

Build Will Meet. The local Episcopal Guild will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. H. Harrison at 2:30 o'clock.

Exports Increase Greatly

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The department of commerce announced that the American exports during the eleven months ending with November 30th have shown an increase in more than a billion and three-quarters dollars over the same period of any previous year. The total value of American exports in 1916 amounted to almost five billion dollars.

AMBROSE NAMED AS FIRE CHIEF

WILL GET SALARY OF \$75 MONTH. CITY NOW HAS TWO MEN FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT ON FULL PAY

Kieth Ambrose last night was appointed by Mayor C. B. Crisler, chief of the volunteer fire department at a salary of \$75 a month. The appointment was approved by the council. Before the appointment was made the council voted to place the fire chief on full pay, thus giving the city two men who shall give all their time to keeping the city hall and all fire apparatus in perfect order.

DOTY WOULD PUT CITIZENS BEHIND BARS OF PRISON

DECLARES HIMSELF TO CITY COUNCIL

Refuses to Second Motion to Receive and File Resolution Requesting the Passage of Keno Power Company Franchise—Resolution is Not One Voted by Citizens At Mass Meeting Short Time Ago.

"Why don't they put the rest of that on there. I won't second it because I want to get the rest of those fellows. I would like to put them behind the bars."

This declaration came last night from Councilman M. R. Doty, after Councilman R. J. Sheets had moved to receive and place on file the following resolution:

"We were requested by the citizens in mass meeting assembled on December 19, 1916, to present to your honorable body the following resolution: Resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that the Keno franchise should be passed as voted by the people, and we respectfully petition your honorable body to reconsider your recent action by which the franchise was defeated and pass the same."

O. A. STEARNS, B. S. GRIGSBY, W. H. MASON.

This resolution was carried to the council chambers December 26th by the above named gentlemen and held in the pocket of O. A. Stearns until after the council adjourned. Then it was given to the clerk of the council, with the request that it be presented. Mr. Stearns forgot to give it to the clerk before council adjourned.

It is not the resolution passed at the mass meeting December 19th. That resolution demanded passage of the franchise or resignation of Councilmen Doty, Sheets and Mathews. To have presented it would have laid Messrs. Stearns, Grigsby and Mason criminally

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Minister Talks to Hollweg

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—Ambassador Gerard cabled a lengthy report to President Wilson after a conference with von Bethmann Holweg, German chancellor. Upon being asked what the chancellor said, Gerard replied, "lots of interesting things."

Two Republicans Want to Be Speaker of House



J. R. MANN



IRVINE L. LENROOT

James R. Mann, long the astute leader of the Republican minority in the house of representatives, expects to be the party candidate for speaker in the new congress, which comes into being March 4. But Representative I. L. Lenroot, insurgent of Wisconsin, also covets the honor. He is backed by Representative Augustus P. Gardner of Massachusetts. Neither the Republicans nor the democrats have a majority in the new house, the independents there holding the balance of power.

ARIZONA STILL HAS A SURPLUS OF GOVERNORS

RECOUNT SEEMS TO SHOW HUNT IS GAINING

Ex-Governor Hunt Offers to Meet Governor-Elect Campbell Half Way to Secure Speedy Adjustment of Matters, That Business of State May Not Be Impeded—Campbell Appoints Man to Represent Him.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 3.—In a signed exclusive statement to the United Press today, George W. P. Hunt, governor of Arizona, invites Tom Campbell, governor-elect, to meet him half way, to secure a speedy adjustment of the dispute over the governor's office. Governor Hunt asserts that the recount of votes thus far has showed a net gain of ninety-eight for Hunt, against thirty majority for Campbell in the official returns.

Campbell today appointed a member of the state tax commission to take his place, but said no business requiring definite action will be transacted until the mandamus proceedings tomorrow to settle the trouble between him and Hunt.

Would Enforce Law. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The railroad companies' committee today asked Judge Chambers of the federal mediation board to prepare an amendment to the Adamson law, giving courts the right to interpret and enforce decisions of mediation boards.

BUSINESS MEN TO TALK ROAD

IMPORTANT MEETING OF BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION IS CALLED BY PRESIDENT ESKELSON FOR TONIGHT

President O. J. Eskelson has called a meeting of the Business Men's Association for 8 o'clock this evening at the city hall. This is one of the most important meetings of the year, and every member of the association is requested to be present.

The report of the railroad committee will be presented and acted upon by the association, and as these gentlemen have worked faithfully for the past three weeks, they are entitled to receive united action by the association in their endeavors.

Owing to recent developments in the railroad situation, a great deal depends upon the action of the association this evening.

In addition to this, there are several other important matters that will come up for consideration that no member can afford to miss.

JOSEPH S. KENT, Secretary.

Entente Captures Many Men

PARIS, Jan. 3.—It is officially announced that last year the allies captured 482,735 Teutonic prisoners. Russia was in the lead, with a total of 400,000 prisoners.

Demurrer Upheld By Circuit Judge

President Has Terms of Teutons

LONDON, Jan. 3.—An Amsterdam dispatch says Count Andrassy delivered a speech in Budapest yesterday in which he declared President Wilson of the United States has full information on Germany's peace terms.

SPORTSMEN ARE FEEDING QUAIL

DEEP SNOW HAS MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR QUAIL TO FIND FEED. STOUT IS SUPERVISING THE FEEDING

Feeding of quail in Klamath county has been begun by Klamath Sportsmen's Association. The deep snow has made it practically impossible for the quail to find feed, except as it may be given them by the farmers and the Sportsmen's Association.

The feeding is being done under the direction of Henry Stout, game warden.

Larkin is Back. Jim Larkin has returned to Klamath Falls after an absence of several months, during which time he has been in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

GIVES ADVICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Because a Semicolon Appeared in Copy of Indictment Where Comma Should Have Been, Two Crimes Are Charged in Indictment, and Judge Kuykendall is Compelled to Sustain Demurrer.

A semicolon in the indictment against M. C. Gerrue, charged with rape of his daughter, today caused Circuit Judge D. V. Kuykendall to sustain the demurrer of W. H. A. Renner, attorney for Gerrue, to the indictment. Gerrue, however, was not indicted, but Judge Kuykendall directed the faulty indictment to be returned to the grand jury for correction.

The semicolon appeared where a comma should have been. The comma made the indictment charge but one crime. The semicolon made it charge two crimes, assault and rape. The original copy of the indictment was correct but the duplicate served on the defendant contained a semicolon where there was only a comma in the original. The statute in such cases is clear. It provides that only one crime can be charged against a defendant in one indictment. In the back of the code is a form of a correct indictment.

After Judge Kuykendall had sustained the demurrer of Attorney Renner, he took occasion to remark that district attorneys can find in the back of the code a form of indictment, and that if it is followed exactly the indictment will stand.

Battleship Torpedoed. BERLIN, Jan. 3.—The Zuercher Post reports that a German submarine has torpedoed the French battleship Verite near Malta.

All Dogs in City Must Be Muzzled

Rabies Scare Causes Edict for Muzzling of City Dogs and Quarantine Against Outside Dogs

The council enacted an ordinance last evening designed to prevent the introduction of rabies in the city by declaring a quarantine against outside dogs and requiring all dogs within the city to be muzzled. The ordinance carried an emergency section, and is in force immediately. Section 4 provides as follows: "A dog shall be deemed to be 'muzzled' or 'effectively muzzled' within the meaning of this ordinance when the dog's nose and jaws are encased with wire or leather muzzle, no mesh of which shall exceed one square inch."

The ordinance makes it unlawful to bring within the city limits any dog unless he be muzzled effectively, and the police are authorized to summarily kill any unmuzzled dog found within the city limits.

Chief of Police R. T. Baldwin stated this morning that he will enforce the above ordinance rigorously. However, he says he will show mercy to dogs wearing their license tag, if the dogs are taken out of the pound at once. If the dog is licensed but does not wear its license tag, it will be considered an unlicensed dog, and shot without notification of the owner.

The ordinance was passed by the council because of the presence of rabies among coyotes and often among dogs owned by farmers. It is a precautionary measure against invasion of Klamath Falls by the disease.

Gowen Has Big Lead in Year's Marriages

For Third Consecutive Year Local Justice Marries More Couples Than Any Competitor

Again E. W. Gowen, justice of the peace for Linkville precinct, has won the distinction of solemnizing more marriages than any other person in Klamath county with authority to do so. This is the third consecutive year he has gained this honor.

A careful compilation of the marriage statistics for Klamath county during 1916 shows that Justice Gowen tied the knot that made man and wife of 37 different couples during the year. In 1915 Justice Gowen married 37 couples, outstripping all competitors that year. Four years ago he lost by a small margin to Rev. George M. Feese, now of Portland.

During the four years Justice Gowen has held office he has solemnized 115 marriages.

The figures for 1916, showing marriages performed by all officials and ministers or priests, follow:

E. W. Gowen	37
C. T. Hurd	17
E. C. Richards	14
J. B. Griffith	7
H. J. Marshall	4
W. W. Jenkins	3
W. W. Hevener	3
O. T. Morgan	2
S. W. Hall	2
L. M. Anderson	1
F. J. Brady	1
W. E. Rambo	1
J. T. Bradley	1
F. M. Cleaves	1