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NATIONAL CAPITAL SNAPSHOTS

Gleanings of Interest From Washington—Late Happenings in the Realm of Sports—Foreign and Domestic Occurrences.

WASHINGTON

A caucus of the Republican membership of the next House will be called February 28 to decide on the speaker.

Japan is preparing for war with the United States as fast as it can, and the Pacific seaboard, exposed, unprotected, invites attack, the House was warned by Representative John F. Miller of Washington.

By a vote of 43 to 30 the Emergency Agricultural Tariff bill was passed by the Senate. The measure now goes to conference for adjustment of the differences between the Senate and House. The general belief is that Mr. Wilson will use veto.

Representatives of the Philippines in Washington do not favor the reported appointment of General Wood as Governor General of the Philippines.

Whisky importations into the United States in 1920 amounted to 167,310 gallons.

The Senate Judiciary Committee took steps to stop Secretary of the Treasury Houston from making any further loans to foreign governments pending final action on the resolution of Senator Reed of Missouri permanently prohibiting the paying out of any money to other nations.

NATION'S BUSINESS

Joseph C. Allen, banking commissioner, closed the Tremont Trust Company, Boston.

During January wholesale prices declined an average of 6 1-3 per cent, the United States Department of Labor announced.

Nineteen states will join Wisconsin in a fight before the Supreme Court challenging the right of the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate railroad rates under the transportation act.

Secretary Houston agreed with the senate judiciary committee not to make any additional loans to foreign governments, no matter how pressing the demand might be, until he had consulted the committee and given it full time for deliberation.

Charges that the Internal Revenue Bureau is preparing to return billions of dollars paid in taxes by liquor dealers were made on the floor of the Senate.

Under the slogan "Times Were Never Better" business leaders are laying plans for a national prosperity week, scheduled for April 4 to 11.

Leading representatives of the 106 New York plants affiliated with the Allied Building Metal Trades Industries, who reopened their establishments in defiance of the demands of union labor, declared that they had inaugurated a permanent open shop policy.

GENERAL

Sleeping sickness caused two deaths in Scranton, Pa.

Eggs sold in York, Pa., at 25 cents per dozen, the lowest in four years.

The study of German, barred by the schools of Washington in 1917, will be resumed next year, it was announced.

Alexander M. Howat, president, and August Dorchy, vice-president, respectively, of the Kansas district of the United Mine Workers, were arrested at Fittsburg, Kan., on warrants charging them with criminally violating the Kansas Industrial Court law in connection with the calling of the Mackie strike.

President Wilson has been asked to send a special message to Congress asking that body to take steps to help send to China the 5,000,000 bushels of grain voluntarily contributed by the farmers of America to relieve the 40,000,000 Chinese said to be starving to death in that country.

Five men, one of them a negro, held up the three-man crew of a government mail truck on a platform of the main postoffice at Toledo, O., transferred nine mail pouches to a waiting automobile and escaped. The loss is variously estimated by postal officials at between $400,000 and $1,000,000.

Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, secretary of Yale University for 20 years, resigned.

Col. Henry Watterson, wintering at Galveston, Tex., celebrated his eighty-first birthday.

Naval Board of Inquiry investigating the balloon flight of Lieutenants Farrell, Kloor and Hinton into the Canadian wilds reconvened at the Rockaway Air Station.

One hundred Mexicans arrived at Fort Worth, Tex. They said they were driven out of Ranger and ordered not to return to compete with American labor.

Former Governor Frank C. Lowden of Illinois declined to be considered for Secretary of the Navy and will not be appointed to any post in the initial makeup of the Harding cabinet.

The price of eggs reached the lowest mark in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in three years, 23 to 31 cents wholesale. Butter dropped to 40 from 45 cents, with big supplies of both.

The city of Muskegon, Mich., has lent more than $10,000 to persons unemployed and in need, taking unsecured interest-free notes in return, officials announced. This new form of charity, they said, has been extended to about 350 persons.

The plant of the News, a radical weekly newspaper, at Rock Island, Ill., was dynamited. Only slight damage was done to building and machinery.

Federal troops who were on duty in the coal strike region at Williamson, W. Va., since November 28, have left for Camp Sherman, Ohio.

A resolution was introduced in the Texas legislature providing for an investigation of the larger oil producing and pipe companies of Texas.

A re-opening of the case involving rates on coffee from Galveston and other gulf ports has been ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Professor Holzknecht, of Vienna, announced 500 women of middle age who submitted to the "rejuvenation" process of the roentgen ray, have become young again, physically and mentally.

Attorney General Palmer will practice law in Washington after his retirement March 4.

SPORTING

The warhorse, Arthur Fletcher, will be back with the Philadelphia Nationals this coming season, for Sir Arthur mailed his signed contract to Prexy Baker, thereby quashing all rumors concerning his retirement.

If Jack Johnson can get a license from the New York Boxing Commission it is likely that a match between the ex-champion and Harry Wills, the New Orleans heavyweight, is likely to be arranged as a big outdoor contest.

Neal Deighan, catcher, who was signed by the Louisville American Association Club last season, but who failed to report, has been transferred to the Mobile Southern Association Club, it was announced at headquarters of the Mobile club.

Johnny Wilson, the middleweight champion, regrets to announce that owing to an injury to his nose he will be unable to defend his title again for some time to come. He was practically matched with Jock Malone and had been challenged by Mike Gibbons.

An ordinance to prevent all-night racing at six-day bicycle contests, and the use of drugs to strengthen exhausted riders, is being considered by the general welfare committee of the board of aldermen.

The Army won at basket ball from Williams at West Point by a score of 36 to 26.

Pennsylvania defeated Columbia and jumped into the lead in the Intercollegiate Basketball League.

When the Cleveland Indians assemble at their spring training camp Manager Tris Speaker will have seventeen hurlers in the camp.

Sammy Sieger, the Harlem featherweight with an eye on the title of the class, boxed a draw with Billy De Foe of St. Paul, a pupil of Mike Gibbons, fifteen rounds at Madison Square Garden, New York, in the presence of a packed house.

India is the fourth country to join the list of Davis cup challengers. Formal announcement of its intention to bid for the international tennis trophy was received by Paul B. Williams, field secretary of the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

FOREIGN

A whole section of Dublin, on the north side, was cut off by troops.

There is little hope in Paris that the London reparations conference will succeed. That is to say, the French do not believe the Germans are going to accept the allied proposals when they meet the Premiers on March. 1.

In regard to Austen Chamberlain's proposal on the cancellation of the allied debt, an American correspondent was informed officially that Premier Lloyd George wrote President Wilson directly last August, but that Mr. Wilson never acknowledged Lloyd George's letter.

The general staff of the French army has decided on the reconstruction of its frontier forts to place them all in valleys, instead of, as formerly, on the summits of hills. This radical change in all preconceived ideas of military fortifications has been made as one result of their experience in the late war.

Prime Minister Lloyd George, speaking in the British House of Commons, made an earnest appeal to the banks to take a fair share in the risks of granting credits to the impoverished European countries, and in this way aid in the development of trade.

Disturbances have broken out at Metera, Italy, following the arrival of a Russian Bolshevik emissary.

Charles M. Schwab was received by Pope Benedict at the Vatican.

Because the Dutch government insists that former Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany live at Wieringen and at no other place in Holland, the government will continue to bear the cost of his residence there.

The secretary of posts and telegraphs of Berlin issued an order forbidding the use of "hello" in answering telephone calls, alleging the word is an importation and a time waster.

SENATE PASSES TARIFF BILL

Emergency Act, Loaded With Amendments, Goes to Conference; Wilson Veto Sure.

PARTY LINES SHATTERED

Reed Denounces Democrats and Moses Scores Republicans Who Voted for Law—Attack Leaders for Trying to Fool the Farmer.

Washington.—Tepheavy with amendments and facing almost certain veto by President Wilson, the emergency tariff bill was approved by the senate by a vote of 43 to 30. This is less than the two thirds necessary to override a veto message.

Four Republicans voted against it and nine Democrats voted for it.

The bill was sent immediately to conference to adjust, if possible, the differences between the house and senate bills. Senate conferees are Penrose (Pa.), McCumber (N. D.), and Smoot (Utah), Republicans; Simmons (N. C.), and Williams (Miss.), Democrats.

Democrats favoring the measure were denounced by Senator Reed (Mo.), Democrat, as "unworthy to remain in the Democratic party," and were invited to go and sit with the Republicans if they could find extra chairs. He characterized the bill as "a stupendous legislative fraud that would increase the cost of living."

Further emphasizing the breaks in party lines, Senator Moses, Republican, excoriated his Republican colleagues who supported the bill and drew heavily on a comprehensive vocabulary of uncomplimentary epithets by saying the bill was "an unwise yielding to house pressure, the offspring of a union between the cotton field, sugar cane brake, rice paddy and the sheep range and wheat field, a misshapen brat at best, lopsided blind, deaf, bandy legged and suffering from congenital economic rickets."

The roll call follows:

Republicans—For: Bell, Borah, Brandegee, Capper, Curtis, Elkins, Fall, France, Frelinghuysen, Gooding, Gronna, Hale, Johnson (Cal.), Jones (Wash.), Kellogg, Kenyon, La Follette, Lenroot, Lodge, McCormick, McCumber, McLean, McNary, New, Penrose, Phipps, Poindexter, Smoot, Spencer, Sterling, Sutherland, Townsend, Wadsworth, Willis. Total Republicans for, 34.

Democrats—For: Ashurst, Gay, Henderson, Jones (N. M.), Hendrick, Myers, Pittman, Ransdell, Sheppard. Total Democrats for, 9. Total for 43.

Democrats—Against: Peckham, Dial, Fletcher, Gerry, Glass, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, King, Kirby, McKellar, Overman, Pomerene, Simmons, Smith (Ga.); Smith (S. C.), Stanley, Swanson, Thomas, Trammel, Underwood, Walsh (Mass.), Walsh (Mont.), Williams, Wolcott. Total Democrats against, 20.

Republicans—Against: Cole, Edge, Keyes and Moses. Total Republicans against, 4. Total against 30.

The principal items added by the senate are flaxseed, olive oil, meats, cattle and sheep, sugar, butter, cheese, milk of all kinds, tobaccos, hides, apples, cherries and olives. The senate also increased the tariff on wheat, lemons and some other articles.

While the proponents of the measure argued throughout the long fight since it reached the senate late in December that it would relieve the crisis confronted by agriculture, its opponents have insisted that in the long run it would merely add to the high cost of living, that it is class legislation and that Republicans are not sincere in trying to pass it as a relief measure, but merely for partisan effect.

Senator Underwood, Democratic leader, has repeatedly forecast its veto by President Wilson on the ground that arbitrarily it increases living costs.

Its removal from the senate calendar will hasten action on appropriation bills and a heavy drive will be made to get as many passed as humanly possible. The best informed senators believe that some appropriation bills, probably including the naval bill, will fail.

RIDER FOR ROADS LOST

Failure of Attempt to Attach $100,000,000 to Post Office Bill.

Washington.—Efforts to attach as a rider to the post office bill an appropriation of $100,000,000 for road construction failed in the senate. A motion to insert the appropriation was lost on a vote of 41 to 33, or nine less than the required two-thirds majority.

Rejection of the rider was regarded as foreshadowing defeat for the road appropriation at this session of Congress.

RAILWAY WORKERS CONFER

Chiefs of Brotherhoods Meet Unions' Representatives.

Chicago.—Chiefs of the "Big Four" railroad brotherhoods conferred here with representatives of the thirteen railway unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The general railroad labor situation was discussed.

It was understood that one of the topics of the meeting was the question of wages received by brotherhood men on electrified railways

J. H. RICARD

Establishing Farm Schools to Help French Orphans



J. H. Ricard, as minister of agriculture of France, opened a farm school for war orphans at Vendouevres, a village between Bordeaux and Orleans. The agriculture department has decided to establish 2,000 farm schools to help 50,000 war orphans.

BANDIT SHOT BY BANK OFFICIAL

Henry Starr, Notorious Oklahoma Outlaw, Failed in Hold-Up in Harrison, Ark.

Harrison, Ark.—Henry Starr, notorious Oklahoma bandit, was probably fatally wounded when, with two companions he attempted to rob the People's Bank of Harrison.

When the robbers backed employees of the bank into the vault a bank official seized a rifle that had been hidden there and shot Starr down. He then opened fire on the other two but they escaped.

At the county jail Starr admitted his identity but refused to give any information concerning his companions, who were reported surrounded in a wood two miles south of town by an armed posse of more than 100 men.

Starr dictated telegrams to his wife at Tulsa and his son, Henry Starr Jr., at Oklahoma City, telling them that he was dying. "I always expected to die with my boots on," Starr told officers.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Henry Starr was pardoned two years ago by Governor Robertson from a twenty-five-year sentence on a bank robbery charge. It was the second parole for Starr, he having been freed from prison in territorial days by Presidential pardon on a similar charge.

Long Robber Loots Bank

Steubenville.—A lone bandit entered the Miners' & Merchants' Bank, at Smithfield, near here, covered A. C. Rose and R. T. Smith, tellers, forced them into a vault, locked the vault and escaped with cash estimated at between $4,000 and $5,000. An hour later the two tellers were found in the vault. The man disappeared.

WORLD NEWS IN CONDENSED FORM

LONDON.—Premier Lloyd George received a vote of confidence in the house of commons by a vote of 181 to 40.

PITTSBURGH.—The women of four Pittsburgh suburbs have organized a "pistol club" to protect themselves and their homes against robbers.

LEAVENWORTH, KAN.—A. Karlschmidt, sentenced to serve four years in the federal prison here in connection with a German plot to blow up the tunnel connecting Detroit with Canada, was arrested at the prison gate and will be held for deportation by the Department of Labor.

NEW YORK.—First-second 4¼ per cent Liberty bonds sold at par on the New York Stock Exchange for the first time in more than a year.

CHICAGO.—Railroads east of Chicago announce that summer tourist fares will be 90 per cent of round trip rates, or 20 per cent above last year.

MEXICO CITY.—Mexican consuls in the United States have been ordered by the foreign office not to vise the passports of laborers coming to Mexico, and border officials have been instructed to be extremely vigilent in preventing such workmen from crossing the Rio Grande.

ALBANY, N. Y.—Fifty cases of lethargic encephalitis, or "sleeping sickness," have been reported to the state health department from places outside the city of New York since January 1 last.

PITTSBURGH.—Prohibitionists are surprised over the set-back received in seven out of seventeen boroughs and townships in Allegheny county at the local option election. The election was under an old law.

SCRANTON, Pa.—Two deaths from sleeping sickness were reported to the health authorities, making three in as many weeks.

FRENCH ARMY READY

Pepared to Coerce Germany in Fulfillment of Allied Terms.

Paris.—Measures to be taken in the event that it is necessary to coerce Germany to fulfill allied reparation and disarmament terms were discussed at the conference between Premier Briand, War Minister Barthou, Marshals Foch and Petain, General Weigand and others. The military experts of France already have planned the advance of French troops toward a secret destination.

WAR NURSE KILLS HERSELF

Accused of Having Denounced Several Co-workers to Germans.

Paris.—Louise Telliez, who during the war belonged to the nursing organization headed by Edith Cavell, the English nurse executed by the Germans, committed suicide, she having been called to appear before a magistrate to face charges of espionage and treason.

It is alleged that she denounced several of her co-workers to the Germans in the days of the war

MAIL BANDITS GET MILLION IN LOOT

Federal Agents Ascribe Series of Bank and Post Office Thefts to Well-Organized Band.

$400,000 IN CASH SEIZED

Five Robbers Force Clerks to Lie Flat While They Transfer Pouches to Auto—Had Followed Truck From Station.

Toledo, O.—Government officials now believe the value of the currency and registered mail stolen here at one of the entrances of the main post office, is between $400,000 and $1,000,000.

Six registered pouches which postoffice inspectors estimated held between $300,000 and $400,000 in currency from the Federal Reserve Bank at Cleveland, and three first-class mail sacks from Cleveland, Detroit and Northern Michigan were taken.

Automobiles containing post office inspectors, police and deputy sheriffs scoured the city and its environs for hours.

Three suspicious persons have been arrested so far, but all have been released. The automobile in which the bandits made their escape was found near Flower Hospital and identified by W. H. Milroy, one of the mail clerks held up by the robbers. In the car were found a box of shotgun shells and a slouch hat bearing the label of a Detroit department store. The car had been stolen, in the holdup, of a garage by three men.

When the mail was loaded on a post office truck at the Union station a car containing several men was parked opposite the station. When the truck started for the post office this car trailed it.

Five men leaped from this car and approached the post office truck as Joseph Hughes, Paul Weinrick and Milroy started to unload it and transfer the registered and currency pouches. One of the bandits pressed a gun against Hughes's side and said:

"Get 'em up quick, boys."

At the same time he threatened Weinrich, who had returned with a hand truck. Both men complied.

"Now lie down," was the next command. Hughes reclined on the platform facing the truck and watched the bandits, who had jumped from an automobile, work, while Weinrich, prostrate, faced the building with his back to the robbers.

The bandits then threw the mail pouches into the automobile and sped away.

Federal officers express the belief that a "master mind" is directing the operations of bandits in this part of the country.

They point to the American Express robbery here soon after Christmas, in which five armed men held up express guards and made off with more than $15,000 in a small safe without leaving a trace as to their identity.

Last week a three-ton safe, containing $10,800 in currency and Liberty bonds, was taken from a bank at Temperance, Mich. On the same night a safe containing several hundred dollars was taken from the Sinclair Refining Company office here. In both instances the safes were taken in automobiles and not the slightest clue was left.

Federal officers in Detroit, Cleveland, Toledo and other cities are bending every effort to uncover the "brains" of the gang. The authorities emphasize that no shots are fired, and that the robbers go about their work with great confidence. Train and mail schedules are known to the robbers, and the location of police officers and their hours of duty are also apparently known.

Whenever men have been held up, as in the case of the post office robbery here, two machines have been used, making it practically impossible for the police to obtain any trace of the bandits. The gang apparently first steal a car which is used in the actual holdup. This they abandon, escaping in another car that has not been seen. Officers declare they believe the "master mind" has many ronbbers at his command, and should members of one gang be caught others are used in the next crime planned.

LATEST EVENTS AT WASHINGTON

Increased appropriations for the consular service as provided in the annual diplomatic and consular bill were approved by the senate. The bill was passed substantially in the form reported from the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

Carrying $70,000,000 more than it did when it came from the house, the annual post office appropriation bill was passed by the senate. Its total is $574,000,000. It now goes back to the house.

President Wilson issued an executive order designating March 4 a legal holiday in the District of Columbia.

The Senate agreed to the conference report on the cold storage bill prohibiting the selling of foodstuffs kept in storage more than twelve months and the sale of deteriorated foodstuffs.

Twenty states represented in a conference of state attorneys general held at the offices of the National Association of Railway and Utilities Commissioners went on record as opposing invasion of state control of intrastate commerce by the Interstate Commerce Commission under the Transportation act. The conference was in session two days.

The continuous fight which the National Woman's party has conducted in the cause of suffrage during the last eight years cost $757,747.51. This included the maintenance of various headquarters and pay for all employees who had given their entire time to the work.

Assurances were given to the Senate Judiciary Committee by David F. Houston, Secretary of the Treasury, that he would make no further advances to foreign governments from their remaining credits until he had consulted with the committee in regard thereto.

MISS GLADYS HIGH

Chicago Society Girl to Marry an Englishman



Miss Gladys High, one of the prettiest of Chicago's society girls, is to be married to Lieutenant Commander Charles Dennistown Burney, O. M. G., of the British navy, son of Admiral Sir Cecil Burney.

SLEEPING SICKNESS IN NEW YORK STATE

Fifty Cases Are Reported Outside of Metropolis Since Beginning of Present Year.

Albany, N. Y.—Fifty cases of lethargies encephalitis, or "sleeping sickness," have been reported to the State Health Department from places outside the city of New York since January 1 last, Dr. Harris H. Biggs, State Commissioner of Health announced.

According to the commissioner, there has been a decided increase in recent months, 22 cases being reported in January and 28 so far this month. "Undoubtedly," the commissioner says, "many cases have not been reported, chiefly for the reason that they were not recognized."

Six cases have been reported from Portchester and two from Rye in Westchester county. Syracuse and Buffalo have each had four cases, three have developed in Binghamton and one in Johnson City, a suburb of Binghamton.

Commissioner Biggs said he did not look for any immediate widespread prevalence. The disease has been made reportable and every effort is being made to find the proper method of control. At present patients are required to be isolated.

Dr. Biggs explained that this disease is entirely different from the tropical disease known as "sleeping sickness." The latter is prevalent only in certain parts of Africa and its causes and mode of transmission are definitely known. Encephalitis lethargica, on the other hand, is a disease of the temperate zone and of the colder montas of the year, and both its cause and method of transmission are unknown.

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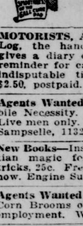
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