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CAN CHANGE THE LIST OF CABINET OFFICIALS

ARDING DECLARES HE Want a Union Labor S FREE TO MEET ANY DEVELOPMENTS

as Proceeded Warily in Committing Himself Definitely to Men Selected

IST IS TENTATIVE

xclusive of Hughes and Daugherty, He May Cancel Any of Eight Appointments

AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 24 .- (By ciated Press.) - President - elect ing emphasized today that he was eding warily about definite coments in regard to his cabinet apitments and would keep himself until the last minute to make changes that unexpected develop-

Harding announced that eight of ten selections, including that of bert C. Hoover, for secretary of merco, still were susceptible of ellation it last minute consideraons seemed to warrant it. There nothing in his declaration, howest that changes in th

ver, who has been tentatively asned the portfolio of commerce. Mr. ver has attached certain qualificas to his entrance into the cabinet velopment apparently unexpected

received the letter in which the food administrator set forth e conditions necessary for his acceptin New York today saying he ld take the commerce portfolio only were permitted to reorganize

To Reorganize Departments reorganization of all the executive the formal confirmation of Mr er's selection would hinge entirely the detailed reorganization methhe now proposes. If his plan with that which Mr. Harding self has in mind, Mr. Hoover gen-

far as it has been formulated, of European relief. Harding's plan contemplates a genreorganization committee with ge and responsible to the Presisident-elect has, in fact, sought to relief." jealous of prerogatives that the he itation for Mr. Hoover's ability as commission that is to its general direction. fore, Mr. Hoover's reorganization

No Early Decision seemed unlikely tonight that a be reached soon on stion raised by the former food trator. Before noon tomorrow, larding will leave by automobile at night and on Saturday mornto confer with Edwin Denby his choice for secretary of

pected to go over in detail the and is probable, the general the conference will the Detroit man's appointment it may be done now under deliberation announced to-Mr. Harding. In declaring the slate still tentative, the Presiindicated that it would revirtually until the cabinet ns are sent to the senate. ily exceptions he made were of Charles E. Hughes, of New as secretary of state and Harry

ugherty, of Ohio, as attorney

President-elect declared in makannouncement that his mind tor themselves

Man In the Cabinet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.-Organized labor called upon Presidentelect Harding today to appoint to his cabinet as secretary of labor "a recognized representative of organized labor" and "a real spokesman of the working people of our country and who understands the toil-

The request, made in the form of a telegram to the President-elect at St. Augustine, Fla., was declared by labor leaders to be practically an indorsement of the type of man as James Duncan, of Quincy, Mass., a vice-president and member of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, whom they regard as a candidate who is a recognized representative of organized

Reports that James J. Davis, of Pittsburgh, had been selected by Mr. Harding as his labor secretary, were not referred to in the telegram as signed by President Compers, the members of the executive council and representatives of the nathonal and international unions affliated in the American Federation of Labor and the representatives of the four railroad brotherhoods.

The resolution authorizing the telegram was adopted by the labor leaders after a lengthy conference at which the cabinet situation and the incoming Republican administration was discussed. While apto the enbinet as secretary of labor was voiced by the speakers, it was learned that it was considered inadvisable to suggest any name to the President-elect.

and a formal decision will not be until there has been delibera-

Announces Harding Desires That He Continue to Direct European Relief

Mr. Hoover in a statement made puby is expected here to go into lic by Mr. Baker, announced that he would continue to direct the policies

Mr. Hoover's statement follows: "President-elect Harding this evenone outside the cabinet in direct ing asked me to state that he has included me in his nominations for the and congress. It is pointed out cabinet as secretary of commerce. in the territories taken from Germany country home of the prime minister of to give one cabinet official a Senator Harding enters whole-heartminating voice in decisions in- edly into the plans for upbuilding the their disposition." department and wishes that I continue rassing and it is known that the to direct the policies of the European

Early in the day Mr. Hoover stated had submitted to the Presidentganization commission might want | elect a proposal for the general reansfer from one department to construction of the department and an the secretary of state requests that enlargement of its field. He also made as expressed many times his it clear that as he had assumed heavy under a misapprehension of the facts." responsibilities in connection with relief work, he could not abandon them approved a Japanese mandate over the by resigning and felt that he should island, reopen the question for "furcontinue to take the responsibility for ther consideration, which the proper

"If I take the post," he said, "it will be only because I believe that Presias understood here on the face of dent-elect Harding will stand behind me in making a real department of ing at this time, the present adminiscommerce. There is an enormous field tration has strengthened the position for a proper government bureau. It of the new administration, which comes importance with the support of the an embarrassment. The opinion also administration and congress, Unless was expressed that there might be a this is done, I am not warranted in conference of the interested powers to shifting my responsibilities from re-

lief work. "No special legislation is necessary added: "there must, however, be a real location of government bureau, and cern to the American government. we must bring into the department of commerce bureaus which belong there. "The department of commerce can materially assist in the economic settlement of our foreign relations and

exploitation of our goods." "I have no right," it continued, "to ask the public to give money and then shed all responsibility of administer-

ing it at once. Another difficulty is that I have undertaken the trusteeship of eight or formerly held by Germany. ten public institutions of importance. Several have enlarged their activities at my inspiration, and I cannot abandon them entirely."

LABOR MAY BRING COURT PROCEEDINGS OF RAIL ACT

declaration was not generally tain sections of the transportation act, here as meaning more was given by Frank P. Walsh, general y of caution growing out counsel of railway labor, in a petition political experience and a sent today to the railway labor board department, made it clear today that work to the disadvantage of American the controversy as to Yap was one beshipping interests, already har a tween the United States and the allied one of whom recently is immediate decision, by the board, on tween the United States and the allied pressed by foreign competition. whom recently is labor's request for the calling of a con- powers and not one between this couninauguration only to find that ference between railroad executives try and Japan. It is around the future Was so far committed to his se- and labor leaders to settle complaints status of this island that much of the that it was too late to make as to rules and national agreements. "It may be necessary," the petition conferencee here has centered. Mr. Harding realizes that "It may be necessary," the petition considerations are involved in said, "to seek a judicial determination to the control of the transpora task as making a cabinet as to certain features of the transportation act and as to interpretations of ernment had become a party to the

MEXICAN RAILROAD STRIKE MEXICO CITY, Feb. 24 .- A strike on on the men he had chosen, all the government controlled railroads the Dutch government is said to have systems. On the affirmative are W. J.

tald he thought it eminently unfair has been called by the members of the addressed a request to Japan for pospublic men before they had Confederation of Railroad Workers, session of this cable. given an opportunity to demon- The confederation claims a membership their ability in office, and he in excess of 100,000. Francisco Peres, that his only response would the national director of railroads, asblet the acts of his administration serts that he has sufficient strike its answer, is said to have reiterated Manus, G. C. Smithdeal, E. J. Tobias-the for themselves, its request for outright possession.

AMERICA WANTS VOICE NEAR EAST TREATY IS PARTISAN BATTLE STAGED IN DISPOSAL OF LANDS TO BE REWRITTEN AND ANY TIME HE PLEASES GERMANY ONCE OWNED THE TURKS ARE HAPPY Grant, Republican of Davie, Denounces as Unconstitutional the

Takes Unequivocal Stand in Re- Allies to Redraft Sevres Docugard to Its Rights in Overseas Question

NO COUNCIL NEWS

By League Body Is Hermetically Sealed

PARIS, Feb. 24 .- (By the Associated) Press).—The secrecy of the proceed- Press)—The near east is again in the question of Republican members on ings of the Council of the League of melting pot. The Sevres treaty, signed Nations today provoked lively specu- at Versailles, but not yet ratified by lation as to the effect of the American the powers, is to be redrafted in favor note upon the different members. It of the Turks, former enemies against became known when the full text of the wishes of the Greeks, former allies the note was made public today that be known until the inter-allied comthe United States, in addition to mak- mission has visited the spot and deing reservations with respect to the cided between the claims of the Greeks Island of Yap, attributed to Japan, as mandatory, claimed an equal concern population in Thrace and Smyrna, and interest with the other principal allied and associated powers in the noon when the supreme council decided disposition of the overseas possessions to invite the Greeks and Turks to of Germany.

The theory has been advanced that they will be asked if they are prepared the only possible friendly solution of to accept such an investigation, subthe question again brought to the fore- ject to the remaining terms of the front by the United States would be treaty. for Japan to say that she did not insist upon the mandate for the Island approval regarding Smyrna and of Yap and would be agreeable to the Thrace, but they are likely to fight internationalization of Yap under Jap- against the rest of the treaty being anese supervision.

Japan Is Silent eral impression is that the whole matter must go to the supreme council. the members of the council of the league being unable in any event to take a decided position on a question of international policy without approval of their governments.

The adversaries of publicity in connection with the proceedings of the sessions. Very little leaked out not changed, but further delay would through indiscretions as to details of exhaust Greece. the discussions, and no official communique was issued. The mere an-

AMERICA IS MUCH CONCERNED IN FORMER GERMAN HOLDINGS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.-The American government has taken an unequivocal stand with regard to its right to mer overseas possessions of Germany. Secretary Colby in his note of last Monday to the Council of the League of Nations, made public tonight at the state department, submits that the disposition of those possessions "cannot be undertaken or effectuated" without the assent of the United States.

Furthermore, he states that United States, as one of "the principal; supreme council will take up reparaallied and associated powers," has "an tions. M. Briand and Berthelot will equal concern and an inseparable in- spend the week-end with Mr. Lloyd terest" with the others of those powers George at Chequers court, the new and "concededly an equal voice in England, for this purpose.

Declaring that the American government cannot regard itself as bound by the terms and provisions of the mandate given to Japan over the Pacific Island of Yap at the meeting of the league at Geneva last December 17. the council "having obviously acted in assuming that the United States had settlement of it clearly requires."

Has Helped Harding Discussing the note today, state dethe modus operandi was of little con-

Referring to the Yap mandate, Secretary Colby says in his note that at noon today, 21 were found to be inthe time of the discussion at Paris, fested with vermin. President Wilson "was particular to stipulate" that it should be reserved must do more than engage in the mere for future consideration and that subsequently the United States in notes to Yap had in fact been excepted" from the proposed mandate to Japan for the Pacific islands north of the equator,

"The information was further conthat labor may bring court proceedings Pacific, and that its free and unham- go.

trolled by any one power No Quarrel With Japan

here today said the Netherlands govof appointment as non-committal the act by carriers, by ourselves and controversy over the German cables dress by the president, L. E. Mabry: sible.

One of the lines connects Yap with

Japan, according to the advices, re- will be a burlesque by A. H. Kimball plied, proposing joint ownership of and R. E. Lentz. Marshals for the the line, but the Dutch government in night are J. G. Park, chief; H. C. Mc-

ment in Favor of Their Late Enemies

SETTLE IT TODAY

Discussion of American Note Greek Premier Makes Strong Plea, Citing Greece's Aid Since Armistice

> LONDON, Feb. 24. (By Associated and the Turks regarding the ratio of This decision was reached this after-

> The Turks have already announced enforced, while the Greeks are ex-

> separate conferences tomorrow, when

Greek Premier's Plea The Greek premier, M. Kalogeropoulos, made a strong plea for the enforcement of the treaty in its present term. He reminded the conference that the Greeks fought loyally and had done what they were called upon to do since the armistice at great expense and hardship.

pected to oppose the whole scheme.

Greece was willing to adopt the council succeeded today in hemetically advice of the allies, he added, provided closing both morning and afternoon the fundamentals of the treaty were

When the decision of the supreme council was read to them the Greeks nouncement was made this evening expressed disappointment, but were that the council had continued to connot prepared to state whether they sider the Polish-Lithuanian conflict. would accept. The Turks are jubilant, would accept. The Turks are jubilant. as delay is what they wanted and they believe now that Smyrna, of which Bekir Samy Bey, head of the nationalist delegation, said "so long as a foreigner holds Smyrna there can not be peace in the near east," and Thrace, which he declared to be "necessary to the economic future and military defense of Constantinople," will be saved

> Settle Matter Today After tomorrow's conferences, which tonight would probably settle the near east question for the present, the

BUBONIC PLAGUE RATS FOUND IN PENSACOLA

Florida Health Officers Discover Germ-Carriers

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 .- Dr. Royal S.

Copeland, health commissioner here, seclared tonight he would leave for Washington, Saturday to attend a conerence of state health officers, called by Surgeon-General Hugh S. Cumming, to discuss the menace from typhus and other epidemic diseases. Two Florida state health officials who arrived here today to study the typhus situation, told Dr. Copeland can be made a department of the first into office March 4, rather than adding that 20 rats infested with bubonic plague germs were found recently in Pensacola, Fla., and more rodents similary infested had been found from time to time in other Florida coast derstood that such a course would be towns. Special precautions are being taken here in the examinations of for the moment," the earlier statement though state department officers said ships and passengers from the West Indies where the plague has appeared. Of the 686 immigrants examined here during the 24 hours ending at

PROHIBITION WILL CRIPPLE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.-Extension of prohibition to America's merchant the shipping board, Chairman Benson army and navy, have not yot been has informed Chairman Volstead of the house judiciary committee, which is veyed," Mr. Colby stated, "that the considering the Edmands bill to permit reservations which had previously been American ships to sell liquor at sea. made by this government regarding The bill was proposed to meet the the island of Yap were based upon the condition brought about by Attorney view that the island of Yap necessa- General Palmer's recent opinion that rily constitutes an indispensable part the laws of the United States, includof any scheme or practicable arrange- ing the prohibition acts, follow ships WASHINGTON, Feb 24 .- Intimation ment of cable communication in the under the American flag wherever they

interpretation of cer- pered use should not be limited or con- The enforcement of the prohibition acts as applied to American ships on the high seas, Chairman Benson in-

DEBATE AT MOUNT PLEASANT (Special to The Star)

MOUNT PLEASANT, Feb. 24 .- The Gerbardt society of Mount Pleasant anniversary exercises tomorow night at 8 o'clock. The program includes addeclamation by J. F. Haithcock and a debate on the subject of government Menado, in the Dutch East Indies, and ownership of telephone and telegraph E. R Trexler and A D. Morgan, There

ON UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES

Election of Legislators to the Board of Trustees, and Criticizes the Comparatively Small Representation Given to the Republicans

bit of history," Murphy said. "The

only time the doors of the university

Republican administration. The only

time it has ever failed to function as

tne Republicans has charge of the

state. We might insist on carrying out

the Biblical injunction to "give to

those which have and take away from

those which have not even, that which

Tom Bowle could not keep out of

partisan scrap and got into the dis-

cussion by asking Grant if he was

in North Carolina. Grant was not.

McBee, Republican of Mitchell, sought

to pour oil on the troubled political

waters by saying that the election of

the university trustees should not be

quibbled about. He did not care if

his county never did have a represen-

tative on the board, provided the legis-

lature would make adequate provision

for the boys who go to that and to

and forth for an hour, Mr. Murphy

called the previous question on the

amendments and all were voted down.

The report of the committee was then

adopted and the following were elected

The following new members were

reason or another are automotically

dropped from the board, have died

succeed Matt D. Thompson; George S.

Graham Keenan; H. M. London, Ral-

succeed Marmaduke J. Hawkins; J.

of Charlotte, to succeed Chas. E.

A. L. James; E. W. Pharr of Charlotte,

After the discussion had waged back

the other educational institutions.

they seemeth to have."

an educational institution was when

Morning Star Bureau, Yarborough Hotel. By R. E. POWELL

RALEIGH, Feb. 24.-Election of the trustees of the university, usually a mere formality in the joint session of have ever been closed was during the general assembly, called together for the adoption of the committee report, developed unlooked-for interest when Grant of Davie, raised the point of the constitutionality of a member of the general assembly holding the office of trustee of the university, and it developed before the end of the hour into a partisan fight over the

the board of trustees. The report of the joint committee meeting was presented by Representative Walter Murphy, who at the conclusion of reading the list, moved that it be adopted. The Davie county man asked Mr. Murphy how many members of the board were members of this general asse bly, but without waiting for the reply, Mr. Grant read that section of the constitution which says in effect that a man who holds one office cannot hold another position of trust or profit. He thought that would exclude members of the legislature from sitting on the board of trustees He considered it particularly bad form for members of this general assembly to be on the board when the university was asking for a large

amount of money from this legislature. Mr. Murphy called Mr. Grant's attention to the fact that members of the general assembly had always been members of the board of trustees, and gomery county; W. N. Everett, Rich- sentatives of organized labor. Copies that the report of the committee in the past has always been adopted even in those years when Grant was a mem-

Later in the discussion, which was interrupted by the nomination of J. A. Taylor of Wilmington, by Representa-Robeson, by Varser, Grant again got the floor and asked Mr. Murphy how many members of the board of trustees were Republicans. The Rowan county man began calling out the names of county; A. M. Scales, Greensboro; the Republicans who were members C. G. Wright, Guilford. of the board, but that was not what Grant wanted

"I just wanted to know if you knew now many members were Republicans. Frant said; "I have the names here in my hand."

"I wanted to give you the number and something of the personnel of the Republicans on the board, I have them in my head," Murphy retorted. Calling off the names of Frank Lin

ney, John J. Parker, Representative Hendrix and others. Grant said: "now gentlemen, the Republicans have only sey Warren of Washington to succeed ten members on this board and they J. D. Blount; A. H. Graham of Orange cast two-fifths of the votes in North to succeed E. A. Abernethy; R. O. Carolina at the last election and presumably will pay two-fifths of the S. Bryant; Tasker Polk of Warren to

"Carrying your argument to its Elmer Long, Alamance, to succeed R. S. logical concusion, as we have five mem- Neal, Burton Craig of Winston-Salem bers of the supreme court, two of to succeed W. M. Rumn; J. A. Hernthem should be Republicans; we have don, Madison, to succeed Geo. H. 20 judges of the superior court and Pritchard; John J. Parker of Union, eight of them should be Republicans." to succeed Julius Duncan; J. L. Pelaney Murphy said, but that did not satisfy the Davie county man. He continued Brenizer; W. E. Breese of Swain, to his discussion on the inequality, saying succeed Kelley N. Bennett; B. Williams that the pride of the Republicans was of Warren, to succeed S. R. Hoyle; touched, just as was that of the Demo- M. J. John of Scotland, to succeed

LABOR PANS GENERAL FIGHT TO OFFSET THE OPEN SHOP MOVEMENT

Hopes to Bring Public Into Closer Relationship With ject partisan politics in this discussion Union Labor Aims and insists on it, I want to recall a

A WEEK'S SESSIONS

Federation Conference Continues At Washington to Perfect Its Program

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 .- Plans for the launching by organized labor of a nation-wide campaign to offset the 'open shop' movement and alleged willing to divide up the postmasters propaganda of opponents of the trade unions were today completed at the American Federation of Labor conference which has been in session here since yesterday. By this measure the federation hopes to bring the public into a closer relationship with the organized labor movement.

President Wilson was asked by the conference to veto the Winslow-Townsend bill as an "unjustified and unjustifiable concession to the railroad owners who have shown a wanton disregard for the law and lawful pro-

A Militant Document The declaration of principles adopted by the conference yesterday was demembers of the board: Thos. H. Bat- clared by labor leaders to be one of tle, Rocky Mount; James M. Carson, the most important and most militant Rutherfordton; Claude Dockery, Mont- documents ever approved by repreand county; Thos. J. Gold, High Point; of it were forwarde J. S. Hill, Durham; J. C. Kittrell, Vance | bor organizations throughout the councounty; J. S. McMillan, Chowan county; try with a request that they at once J. S. Parson, Burke; A. H. Price, make preparations to enforce the principles set forth.

Rowan; Jas. D. Proctor, Robeson; W. R. Dalton, Rockingham county; Fred J. Whether the principle advocating "a Cox, Ansen; W. A Doughton, Alle- flat refusal on the part of labor to tive Bellamy and of Mr. Townsend of gheny county; E. L. Gaither, Davie recognize or abide by the terms of county; James A. Gray, Forsyth; Chas. | injunctions" will be carried out generally by labor unions, it was ex-A. Jonas, Lincolnton; Julian S. Mann, plained, will depend upon the attitude Hyde county: Haywood Parker, Bunof each individual national and intercombe; Wiley P. Person, Franklin national union. The principle is not a new one with the federation, however, as it was first adopted at the 1916 convention of the federation. lected to succeed those who for one No Volstend Report

The proposal made at the conference or have resisted 1. T. Exum of Greens county to succeed George H. council and did not come before the son to succeed Jno. L. Patterson; full conference. The council, it was Dorman Thompson of Statesville to stated, will take whatever steps in the regard that it deems advisable. he executive council will resume its mitings here tomorrow and will probeigh, to succeed R. D. Connor; Lindally continue in session for another ek, considering a number of jurisdistional disputes and cleaning up the details of enforcing the declaration of Everett of Durham to succeed Victor principles adopted by the 200 labor leaders attending the conference.

FIVE-CENT STATE TAX FOR SCHOOLS OMITTED

Collect Privilege Tax From Corporations Instead

Morning Star Bureau, Yarborough Hotel. By R. E. POWELL

RALEIGH, Feb. 24.-The working as a committee of the whole, tonight agreed to accept the finance committee's recommendations to abandon the proposed five-cent general property tax for school purposes. To meet the deficit which it was said this action would create, the committee will insert a provision to collect from corporations the privilege tax as well as the income tax, which at first was

not provided for in the proposed rev-Representative Doughton made the report of the finance committee, announcing the elimination of the ad valorem tax.

DANIELS FRIENDS BUY HIS HIGH-BACKED NAVY CHAIR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 .- Friends of Secretary Daniels have solved for him a high cost of souveniers problem involved in ownerships of the tallbacked, upholstered chair he occupied at cabinet meetings during his eight years in President Wilson's official family circle. Mr. Daniels expressed a desire to

take the chair home to Raleigh, N. C. with him when he returns next month to resume private life as a newspaper editor and publisher. He was told it would cost him \$141.

That about changed his mind, but friends intervened and purchased the chair as a gift for the retiring secretary to share in his editorial deliberations, the government profiting more than 100 per cent on the deal since the chair cost originally only \$65 and the \$141 represents replacement cost today.

ATTACKED YOUNG GIRL AND GETS A PRISON SENTENCE

COLUMBUS, Ga., Feb. 24 .- Walter McClellan, 19, son of a well-to-do victed in superior court here late today of an attempted attack on a young white girl and sentenced to serve from five to ten years in the pentitentiary. Motion for a new trial was made and hearings set for April 16. McClellan

being released on \$12,500 ball. Richard C. Smith, of Atlanta, former U. S. Deputy collector, indicted in connection with the same case and charged with having driven the couple that night in a taxicab, is to be tried next week.

BRECKENRIDGE, Tex., Feb. 24.uption in the city administration. Starting in a bed room over a gasoline The chief inspector, was charged filling station, fire here today destroyed with unlawfully accepting \$50 for recovery of a stolen automobile. George
J. Andrews, of the automobile squad,
was named as a co-defendant in this
case.

two hotels, business houses and aparttwo hotels, business houses and apartments in the business section and
caused an estimated loss of \$500,000.
The plant of the Daily American
morning newspaper, was destroyed.

"Now if the gentleman wants to in- to succeed R. S. Hutchison. NATINAL HOUSE WILL BUILD FUEL OIL TANK HOLD NIGHT SESSIONS STATION AT NORFOLK

McLeod:

In Final Drive to Clear Up Its Shipping Board to Erect 20 Calendar Before the Close of Congress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.-In a final journment March 4, the house initiated shipping board announced tonight, on nightly sessions tonight. Its first act the first government-owned fuel oil was to send back to conference the storage bunkering station for ships diplomatic appropriation till as it re- built in this country. used to agree to a senate total of matic and consular officers.

gration restriction bill and on a number of appropriation measures. The passed by the senate. Before sending the diplomatic bill back to conference, the house agreed to a senate amendment extending indefinitely the provisions of the wartime passport act requiring aliens, including immigrants, coming to the United States, to have their passports

vised by American consular agents Without objection either from the wets or drys, the house accepted an-Under Secretary Davis, of the state formed Representative Volstead, would holism to be held in Switzerland next

summer. REPORT TOPSAIL BILL TO HOUSE TODAY, UP TUESDAY

(Special to The Star) RALEIGH, Feb. 24.-The house committee on counties, cities and towns Advices received in official circles Collegiate institute will hold its 19th this afternoon voted eight to two for the bill of Representative Bellamy to take Topsail township from Pender and add it to New Hanover. The report will probably be made to the house tomorrow but it is not likely it will be heard on the floor before Tuesday, members said tonight,

> LEONARD DEFEATS WELLING ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—Benny Leonard, ightweight champion, easily outfought Joe Welling of Chicago, in an eightround no-decision bout here tonight, according to newspaper men who wit-

Tanks With Capacity of

55,000 Barrels . WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 .- Construcdrive to clear its calendar, before ad- tion will begin shortly at Norfolk, the

The station will be built on Craney \$500,000 for post allowances to diple- island in Norfolk harbor and will consist of 20 tanks, each with a capacity A number of conference reports as of 55,000 barrels of fuel oil. It is well as other matters of importance re- planned, officials said, to store fuel oil main to be acted upon by the house. when the price is low and furnish oil AMERICAN SHIPPING BUSINESS The conference reports include those bunkers for steamers out of New York, on the emergency tariff bill, the immi- | Philadelphia, Baltimore and Norfolk. Other stations may be added, officials said, as need develops, though as yet marine is inadvisable in the view of two largest money bills, those for the there is no policy worked out for the erection of a chain of stations in this country corresponding to the board's foreign oil bunkering stations. Bids for the work of erecting the station will be opened March 10.

NEGLECT OF SHRVICE MEN DISCUSSED BY GAIBRAITH

(Special to The Star) CHARLOTTE, Feb. 24.-Col. F. W. Galbraith, commander American Le-gion, told Kiwanians today that 20,000 her senate amendment, appropriating former service men are in need of funds for American participation in an medical attention, and hospital room international congress against alco- tonight. In his address he emphasized the fact also that they are not recelving their compensation. The Legion wants to consolidate three things. war risk insurance, public health service and vocational training, and de-centralize them. The Legion is going to fight to the end for incapacitated service men.

NEW YORK POLICE NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Chief Inspec-tor William J. Lahey, of the police department, was indicted today with several members of the police automobile squad on a charge of taking unlawful HALF-MILLION-DOLLAR FIRE fees. The indictments were returned IN BRECKENRIDGE, TEXAS in connection with former Governor Whitman's inquiry into alleged corruption in the city administration.