

BRITISH PARLIAMENT FACES PROBLEMS OF GRAVEST IMPORTANCE

Two Most Vital of These Are Dealt With in Opening Address of Bonar Law

SEES NO IMMEDIATE WAR IN NEAR EAST

“We Do Not Want War,” he Says, But Intimates Preparedness Should Come

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Parliament reassembled today with questions of gravest importance facing it for future consideration.

There has been much discussion as to whether the British troops would be withdrawn from the Rhineland.

The prime minister expressed the belief that there was not danger of war in the near east, although the Turks were probably counting upon “our supposed weakness.”

The usual state ceremonies attended the opening of parliament, and the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne attracted much attention.

No striking pronouncement came from either side of the house, the discussion being rather of a preliminary nature.

With regard to the failure of the Lausanne conference, Mr. MacDonald told the government.

“I am bound to say, as a sincere friend of France,” the premier went on, “that I do not see how the French are going to get what they want. I fear the result of occupying the Ruhr and the left bank of the Rhine has been to intensify the feeling of the German nation and that danger will come later.”

CAPITAL CITY GOSSIP TURNS TO COMMISSION'S PERSONNEL NOW THAT SHIP BILL IS LAW

OBSTRUCTIONISTS TO BE SEVERELY DEALT WITH BY THE FRENCH

Severe Measures to be Employed if Railways and Wires Are Tampered With

SIX POLICEMEN ARE TO BE COURTMARTIALED

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Dortmund correspondent of the Times says that the French announce that severe measures will be taken if the destruction of the railways in the Trevas district and the cutting of military wires near Herne continue.

The burgomaster of Essen has made public a letter received from General Fournier, notifying him that in consequence of the burgomaster's failure to comply with certain requisition orders the general has instructed his troops to seize by the French of automobiles seems to be to impress the manufacturers with the inconvenience of railroad and telegraph interruptions which the industries have been meeting by the employment of motors.

The occupation of Emmerich, which is one of the chief customs stations in Germany, cuts the main line of rail and water communication between Holland and England and enables the occupying forces to isolate the Ruhr industries from the neutral countries; it also completes the occupation of both banks of the Rhine from Switzerland to Holland.

The French have cut the electric supply at Saarbrücken because of the miners strike in the Sarre area.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—According to dispatches from French source the arrest of today's temporary occupation of Gelsenkirchen was the arrest of six policemen concerned in yesterday's affair.

Reorganization of Departments Gets Executive Approval

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—A plan for reorganization of governmental departments and bureaus under which the war and navy departments would be consolidated as “the department of defense,” has been given the approval of President Harding, according to high administration officials.

The plan, which contemplated a number of other changes in the organization of the executive branch of the government, is understood to have been approved by the president at a conference with Walter F. Brown, ex-officio chairman of the joint congressional committee on re-organization, which was appointed a number of months ago but has not been able to agree on a program.

Many Midshipmen Fail to Pass Examinations

157 Are Sent Home and Others “Drop Back”

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 13.—One hundred and fifty midshipmen were so badly deficient in semi-annual examinations at the naval academy that they have been compelled to resign and 10 have dropped back into a lower class was announced today.

McCORMICK UNDER GUARD CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Guarded by a score of private detectives, Harold F. McCormick, head of the executive committee of the International Harvester company and his Paris bride, Wanda Walacka, (Polish princess), who were re-married today to comply with the Illinois divorce laws, remained in seclusion tonight at the estate of Mr. McCormick's mother in Lake Forest.

MILLIKIN UNMASKING BILL PASSES HOUSE ON SECOND READING

Action Comes on Record Vote of 70 to 42 After Four Amendments Attached

MEASURE CONSIDERED UNDER SPECIAL ORDER

Efforts of Its Author Fails to Have Action Postponed Until Today

RALEIGH, Feb. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Under the weight of four amendments, the Milliken bill to provide for the control of secret orders passed its second reading in the house tonight by a record vote of 70 to 42, but final action was deferred until tomorrow for the purpose of bringing the amendments into better phraseology.

The bill, which came up under special order, first was subjected to a motion by its author, Milliken, of Union, to displace the message from the speaker and set it for tomorrow because of the fact that most of the members had been in long committee session throughout the day and up until the hour of convening.

Representative Connor, of Wilson county, then moved to amend by making it unlawful to mask or disguise for the purpose of violating the law or holding public demonstrations.

Representative Bryant, of Durham county, then sent forward an amendment which was offered as a substitute for the second Connor amendment regarding masks which would provide that the act apply only to organizations who used a mask as a disguise to perpetrate crime, assault or threat, and set a minimum fine of \$200 and a maximum of \$1,000, or imprisonment for four months to two years.

“The roll call vote on the second reading of the bill, members said, was equivalent of strength which would be behind it on its final passage.”

DANIEL AND RICHARD ARE ALIVE, SAYS SPOKESMAN OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Feb. 13.—The two bodies found in Lake La Fouchre, near Baxtrop, La., were placed there by medical students from a New Orleans college and were not those of Walter Daniel and F. P. Richard, as claimed, according to Dr. Lew Burger of New York, who was spokesman at an open meeting of the local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan here last night.

“Daniel and Richard are alive and well in New Orleans, where they are under daily observation by the Klan members,” Dr. Burger said. He was introduced as “official spokesman of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.”

British Debt Funding Bill Given Right-of-Way; Fate of Ship Subsidy Doubtful

State Printing Probe Ends After Twenty-Five Hours of Testimony

Shipping Measure is Unexpectedly Sidelined in the Senate on Motion of Chairman Jones

RALEIGH, Feb. 13.—Legislative investigation of the state department of labor and printing, following charges by Dr. Charles Lee Smith, of discrimination against the Edwards & Broughton Printing company, one of the state printing contractors, of which he is president, came to an end late this afternoon after 25 hours of actual testimony.

Mr. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing, and George Justice, former assistant commissioner and now associated with an open shop concern also a state printing contractor, were the principal witnesses today.

Mr. Justice, giving as his opinion proof making made by Mr. Nichols, Mr. Shipman, placing a high estimate upon the qualifications and ability of Lawrence E. Nichols, his assistant denied emphatically that there had been discrimination against Edwards and Broughton Printing company and stated, on the other hand, that every effort had been made by the department to assist this concern as well as others when they were crippled in the strike of 1921.

Alleged Would-be Suicide Indicted

RALEIGH, Feb. 13.—City prosecutor Clifton Beckwith today announced that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of J. J. Wilkes, traveling salesman, of Atlanta, charging him with attempting to commit suicide at a local hotel Sunday night.

Colonel Watts Case Continued to Tuesday

RALEIGH, Feb. 13.—The case against A. D. Watts, former state revenue commissioner, charged with aiding and abetting in immoral conduct, was continued until next Tuesday when it will be heard in city court here today.

Ficklin Seeks to Curb Press in Reporting Electrocutations

RALEIGH, Feb. 13.—E. B. Ficklin, of Warren county, to direct the highway commission to build a road at the cost of \$2,700, from the public highway in Warren county to the grave of Anne Carter Lee, daughter of General Robert Lee, who died at White Sulphur Springs, in Warren county, and was buried there during the Civil war, passed its third reading in the senate today.

“Display before the public of the gruesomeness of electrocutations has become so elaborate during the last few years as to cause alarm in official circles and among persons who recognize the necessity for the penalty. Much of the descriptive writings about electrocutions has been in keeping with the confessed efforts of some news writers to create a sentiment in favor of abolishing capital punishment by painting harrowing pictures of executions.”

DETECTIVE AGENCY OFFICIAL INSPIRES THREATS OF DEATH

Charge is Made Against Burns Official in Deposition of Albert Bailin

HEARING HALTED BY POWDER EXPLOSION

Flashlight Composition Goes Off Prematurely, Injuring Photographer and Others

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Charges that a letter sent to the postmaster of New York city, in October 1920, threatening to kill him and blow up the Woolworth building was inspired by an official of the W. J. Burns detective agency, were made today by Albert Bailin, alias Balanow, confessed spy and agent provocateur, continuing his sworn deposition for use by the defense in the trial of 22 alleged communists at St. Joseph, Mich., February 26.

Balanow under questioning by Frank P. Walsh, attorney for the defendants, also charged that Charles Scully, head of the radical bureau of the department of justice at New York City, had employed of Burns and sold him secret papers from the files of William J. Flynn, former chief of the department of justice bureau of investigation, which justice Burns now occupies.

Talking of his own sworn statement was halted shortly before noon when a premature explosion of flashlight powder being used by a newspaper photographer wrecked the offices of William Cunnea, socialist candidate for mayor, whose hearing is being held.

The letter, Balanow testified, was mailed to the New York postmaster October 19, 1920. The Burns office in New York is in the Woolworth building.

Balanow swore that Meyers later had him go to the I. W. H. headquarters and write an illiterate letter, apparently from one radical to another, and then mail it to Meyers.

“Detailing an alleged conversation with W. J. Burns in 1920, Balanow swore that Burns boasted to him that if Senator Harding was elected president he was to get Flynn's position as chief of the federal secret service, and that if Governor Cox was elected Allan O. Myers, the Burns agency executive, was to get it, so that either way the Burns office would be on the inside.”

Native of Goldsboro Dies in Washington

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—A native of Goldsboro 59 years ago, died here yesterday after a brief illness, and his remains will be taken to Goldsboro for burial. He lost a son, a talented musician, in the Knickerbocker theater crash here last year, was the shock of than hurt him for months.

Goldsboro Car Barn and Equipment Burned

GOLDSBORO, Feb. 13.—Fire of unknown origin this afternoon destroyed the street car barn on North William street, with six cars and equipment, entailing a loss of about \$10,000. There was no insurance, as the line has been out of business for some time. The city was arranging to buy the line from the stockholders.

Forecast by States

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Virginia: Cloudy Wednesday morning, followed by clearing and colder; much colder Wednesday night; Thursday partly cloudy and much colder; strong northwest winds, possibly gales on the coast. North Carolina: Fair and colder Wednesday; much colder Wednesday night; Thursday cloudy and colder; probably becoming unsettled; fresh to strong northwest and west winds. South Carolina: Fair and colder Wednesday; much colder Wednesday night; Thursday unsettled and colder; fresh to strong, shifting to northeasterly winds.