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WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

President Tells Foreign Affairs FEDERAL CONTROL Committeeman What May Be Expected If Changes Are Made

OTHER NATIONS MAY TAKE SIMILAR COURSE ON THE LEAGUE COVENANT

Four Leading Opponents of Acceptance Without Reservations at Conference With PHONE RATES REMAIN 4 President and Today He Will Talk With Three Other Senators of Like Mind; Borah Breaks Out Again in Attack On Article Ten and Eleven in Letter To Hughes

Washington July 30 .- (By The Assoclated Press.)-The peace treaty with Germany was discussed by President Wilson today with four more Republican Senators, all of them understood to be unwilling to accept the League of Nations in its present form.

The question of including reservations in the Senate's ratification of the treaty dent's callers telling him unreservedly ratification was impossible and Mr. Wilson reiterated his aversion to any change or qualification which might reopen diplomatic negotiations. Each of the Sen-ators indicated afterwards that his views had not been changed.

In turn the President saw Senators Dillingham, of Vermont, Harding, of Ohio, Fernald, of Maine, and Lenroot, of Wisconsin. He talked for an hour with each of them going over many fentures of the Versailles negotiations. None would discuss his conversation with the President in detail, but Senstor Harding, who is a member of the

ter Harding, who is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, made a brief statement, saying Mr. Wilson has emphasized the possibility that Senate reservations might encourage other nations to qualify their acceptance of the league.

Tomorrow the President will see three other Republican Senators, while the Senate resumes debate on the treaty and the Foreign Relations Committee begins public hearings on the economic sections with Bernard Baruch, an adsections with Bernard Barneh, an adviser to the American peace delegation, as the first witness.

Both the Senate and the cation yesterday by President Wilson. Although most of them reserved judgment, it became apparent that the cent and still carn a profit. treaty's ratification would be bitterly

Vidlation of Constitutional Provision? Two objections about which debate is expected to center are that the treaty departs from the tradition of no entangling alliances and that it violates the constitutional provision that Congress alone can declare war. Those who base their opposition on the latter ground declare that by the promise to go to the aid of France immediately in ease of an unprovoked attack on her from Germany, all future Congresses would be deprived of their power to decide for war or peace, whenever the treaty terms were invoked.

Been Done Before, It's Claimed. To this administration leaders reply that the United States has made similar promises to go to war under certain circumstances in the past, citing the treaty by which this country guaranteed Panama's independence and the Monroe Doctrine, which they argue, gave notice that the free republies of this hemisphere would be defended against old world aggression at any cost. They also declared Congress often has been bound by treaty to appropriate money, make tariff laws and exercise other powers vested in it by the constitution.

Interest in the subject was increased by today's dispatches from Paris saying that leaders in the Chamber of Deputies were disposed to delay ratifica-tion of the Versailles treaty until the American Senate had acted on the defensive treaty. Opposition Senators declared the development gave color t their charge that the promise to aid France was given in return for French support of the lengue of nations.

There has been no disposition to hasten action on the French treaty, the plans so far contemplating only that it be considered along with the treaty of Versailles with a vote probdelayed until disposal of the lat-

ter. That may require weeks, as the committee plans to spend several days examining the Versailles advisers and then for the first time will begin its consideration of disputed sections of Was Harding Converted?

Until today when he saw Senator Harding, President Wilson had invited blican members of the committee excopt Senator McCumber, North Dakota, openly is a league supporter, Senator Harding has made no announce-ment of his attitude in the Senate alment of his attitude in the Senate al-though in the committee he has lined up on collateral issues with those who oppose unreserved ratification. As he came from the White House today he laughingly disputed a suggestion that he had been "converted" to acceptance of the covenant without reservation. Tomorrow the President will see Sen-ator New, Indiana, another Republican member of the committee who has be

member of the committee who has in-

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OF WIRES AT AN EN

Ceases Tonight, at Midnight, When Return To Ownership Takes Place

MONTHS UNLESS CHANGED

Present Intra-State Phone Rates Remain in Effect Unless Changed By State Corporation Commissions; Burleson Delivers. Last Crack at Postal

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, July 30 .- Government control of telegraph and telephone properties will end at midnight tomorrow night. Orders for their return huge crowds that will commemorate the private ownerships were issued to- name of the valiant Frenchusun. to private ownerships were issued tois understood to have been the chief day by Postmaster General Burleson topic of discussion, some of the Presias required under a resolution adopted by Congress and signed by President Wilson ten days ago.

Mr. Burleson, in a statement accompanying his order, said sound pubic opinion ultimately would determine "how this trust has been met" and that he was content to abide by the result. Besides this reply to criticisms of his management of the wire companies the postmaster general also took a parting shot at the Postal Telegraph Company, most of the officers of which were removed several months ago because of adherents of both candidates have been what he termed interference with government management.

The postmaster general did not men-tion the company by name, but said that "with one notable exception, the reason for which is thoroughly understood by those who have kept informed" every wire company had given him loyal co-

As to 'Phone Rates.

Under the esolution of Congress in-structing the return of the companies, government fixed intrastate telephone rates are to remain in force for a period had recessed over today and many Sena- by state commissions, but no provision tors went over for the first time the was made as to telegraph rates. Clarofficial text of the special defensive ence H. Mackey, president of the Postal treaty with France, submitted for ratificompany in urging Congress to provide for speedy return of the properties, said his company could reduce rates 20 per

This statement was recalled today in connection with the return of the properties and a rate war between the telegraph companies was viewed in some quarters as a possibility. Telegraph rates were increased approximately 20 per cent last March to meet increased salaries of operators and other employees and rising costs of materials. Referring to the advance in telegraph and telephone charges, Mr. Burleson in his statement said the percentage of the average of increases of rates made

during this same period for other pub-lic utility service," and added that "but for court injunctions in eighteen states, instigated by State utility commissions, the wire systems would have been returned to their owners without any obligation on the Federal Treasury because of compensation contracts."

The amount of this obligation cannot be determined until accounts for the present month are adjusted and an agreement has been reached as to compensation for companies which so far Alleged 'Million Dollar Bonfire' have not been willing to accept the government figures.

A Year And A Week. Control of the wire companies was taken over by Postmaster General as var messure on July 22, 1918, under a resolution of Congress and a procla-mation by the President. A wire conwere made with a view economy in operations.

ADMIRAL WASHINGTON IS BLUE'S SUCCESSOR

Secretary of Navy Announces New Chief of Bureau of Navigation

Washington, July 30.—Read Admiral Thomas Washington, who now is com-manding a division of the Atlantic fleet manding a division of the Atlantic fleet and who commanded the battleship Plorida with the British grand fleet during the war, was appointed by Sec-retary Daniels today as chief of the Bureau of Navigation to succeed Rear Admiral Victor Blue, who recently was retired because of ill health. Admiral Washington will turn over his command in the Atlantic fleet as soon as his relief has been named. When he as-sames his duties at the navy depart-ment, Captain Andrew Leight, acting chief of the Bureau of Navigation, will be sent to sea at his own request.

Air Service Congratulated. Washington, July 30.—Congratula-tions of the Air Service were extended to Orville Wright today in a message from Major General Chas. S. Mencher, director of the service, on the cension of the tenth auniversary of the delivery of the first airplane to the United States government by the Wright brethers.

Secretary of War Tentatively Accepts Invitation To Make Address On LaFayette Day

INVITATION EXTENDED THROUGH JUDGE OATES

Secretary of Navy Josephus Daniels Leaves To Attend Annual Meeting of N. C. Press Association; Editor R. T. Wade To Be Installed Soon As Postmaster

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By S. R. WINTERS. (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., July 30 .- Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, has tentatively accepted the invitation to deliver the principal address in Fayetteville on September 6th on the oceasion of the memorable celebration of Lafayette Day. John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, came to Washington to personally extend the invitation to Secretary Baker and his appeal was reinforced by an urgent request from Secretary of the Navy Daniels that the chief of the war department go to the county seat of Cumberland. Governor T. W. Bickett has designated Fayetteville as the assembling point for the

Secretary Baker will find congenialspany in Cumberland county, where he has already established big artillery operations through the avenues of Camp Bragg. He will doubtless make an elospeech and his remarks will be gladly heard.

Wade Becomes Postmaster. The postoffice department today de termined to install Robert T. Wads, editor of "The Coaster," as postmaster at Morehead City and the visit to Washington of C. L. Willis, Republican contestant for the office, proved of no avail. Conferences with First Assistant Postmaster General John C. Koons by the negotiated recently, but he announced today that upon re-examination of the civil service papers, the business test of Mr. Wade entitled him to the margi-

thi victory over Willis.

Lift Embarge on Chickens.

The United States Bailroad Administration calls to account the American Railway Express Company for exceeding its authority in placing an embargo on chickens from North Carolina to Baltimore and other Northern markets

beyond Washington, Housewives whose back-yards and

the North Carolina Senators, the rail-road administration lifts the embargo by an emphatic letter denying the exby an emphatic letter denying the ex press company the privilege of estab-lishing embargoes without first consulting the railroad administration. Some Eastern North Carolina poultry raisers were forced to sell their livestock on the Washington market for curtailed prices estimated to be 5 cents a pound less than prospective returns in Baltimore and New York.

Sergeant Ober Re-enlists. Sergeant M. J. Ober, an employed in the office of Secretary Daniels, has these increases "was markedly less than re-enlisted in the United States marine corps for the eighth time and the act

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OF ARMY PLANES

By Order of U. S. Officers in France

(By The Associated Press.) New York, July 30 .- A "million dollar fire" in which 100 or more serviceable airplanes were destroyed by order trol board and an operating board were of American army officers, was deestablished and various consolidations scribed by several witnesses who apto effecting peared today before the House sub-committee which is investigating cruelties to prisoners and other alleged army irregularities. The hearing was conducted by Representative Royal C. Johnson, of South Dakota, and Bepresentative Bland, of Indiana, Republicans. The third member of the sub-committee Representative Henry Flood, of Virginia, Democrat, was not present.

The destruction of the airplanes took

place at Colombey-Les-Belles, near Toul, and details of the fire were supplied by several former non-commissioned officers and men of the Air Service who were in the French village at the time. None of the witnesses could give any reason for the bonfire or tell under whose orders it had been conducted.

Wasn't What He Expected. At the opening of the hearing Repre-sentative Johnson amounced that a cable message from General Pershing to General March, chief of staff, in which the head of the American Expeditionary Forces denied that any destruction had takes place, would be read into the

SECOND LADY OF THE LAND BACK HOME



WIFE OF SECRETARY OF STATE RETURNS TO U. S .- View photo of Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the Secretary of State who returned with her husband after nearly eight months in

HOUSEWIVES, HERE'S YOUR FIRST CHANCE

Canned Meat For Sale By Uncle Sam, Ladies, and at "Bargain Prices"

NOW'S THE TIME TO HIT OLD HIGH COST OF LIVING ONE

Corned Beef, Roast Beef, Hashed Beef; Fresh Frozen Meats and Poultry, \$100,000,000 Worth, To Be Sold To Individuals Through Postoffice Employes

Washington, July 30 .- (By The Associated Press.)-Through the postmasters and State authorities said they believed ciated Press.)—Through the postmasters and State authorities said they believed sions being taken up which as one Sen-of the country, the War Department to the situation somewhat relieved there after said today, would bring a "panmorrow will offer direct to consumers its was no relaxation of vigilance and every dora box of trouble." present available supply of surplus policeman who could be spared tonight ed profitable feeding grounds for foodstuffs, amounting to approximately "biddies" had found the arbitrary ruling of the express company working sisting of canned vegetables and meats, n undue hardship.

Consequently, through the offices of prices representing the cost to the govis expected to be sold within a week at

foodstuffs, directed by a resolution passed yesterday by the House, were today at a conference held by Secretary Baker with Postoffice Department officials and Representative Kelly, of Pennsylvania, author of the resolution.

Price-List To Be Issued.

Scretary Baker, at the close of the conference, said a price list covering the entire available surplus would be prepared at once by Assistant Secretary Crowell. This list, it was said, at the Postoffice Department, would be sent out to each of the 54,000 postmasters of the country and to every rural route

How And Of Whom to Buy. postmasters and carriers under arrangements made at the conference will act as government salesman, forming interested consumers of the prices and methods of sale and taking orders for the foodstuffs. Payment will he made by buyers at the time the or-ders are given the postmasters and car-riers, who will issue receipts which will be redeemable in cash in event of inability to fill the orders through exhaustion of the supply.

Delivered By Parcel Post. In accordance with the House resolu tion the foodstuffs will be distributed by parcel post, and the prices to be quoted at each postoffice will represent the original cost of the foodstuffs to the government and the parcel post transportation charges from the nearest War Department depot having the foodstuffs in storage. The prices quoted, officials seid, would be considerably below the prevailing market prices. Hundred Million Dollars' Worth, And

Then Some. While the amount of foodstuffs in each class has not been estimated, heaings before a House War Investigating committee recently showed the value of the surplus available July 8 to be approximately as follows:

Canned vegetables, \$23,000,000; corned beef, \$24,000,000; bacon, \$23,000,000 hashed corned beef, \$10,000,000; roast beef, \$20,500,000, and fresh frozen meats and poultry, \$20,600,000.

MORE LATITUDE FOR **DEPORTING ALIENS**

Washington, July 30 .- A bill to deport undesirable aliens, under which the government may send home enemy life to a figure that the present wages aliens now interned in this country, was passed today by the House. The vote was unanimous. The measure is designed to tighten up existing deporta-tion laws and under its terms aliens who may be deported include enemy records. The cable message was n t aliens at present interned as dangerous, available until after the hearing had but not convicted of crimes and enemy

available until after the hearing had closed and then proved to be merely a denirl of a reported burning of automobiles and darvage to other war materials at St. Nazaire.

The investigation into the airplane fire closed the hearings of the subcommittee in the United States. The inquiry will be continued in France convicted aliens who might be deported upon anactment of the

RIOTING CONTINUES

STATE TROOPS ORDERED FROM ARMORIES TO ZONE

Four More Killed Yesterday

and Scores Wounded or

Beaten in The Fighting

Police Drew Tighter Cordon About Southside Negro District and There Is No Relaxation of Vigilance; Many Negroes Arrested, Some Tried; Investigation

SITUATION MORE SERIOUS THAN BEFORE, ADJ.-GEN. SAID

Chicago, July 30.-The decision to use troops to patrol the dangerous parts of the trouble sone was taken tonight as a precautionary measure, after Adjutant General Dickson had made a round of the south side negro district and its environments.

He said the situation was -re serious than 24 hours before. It was not deemed necessary at the time the mayor asked for the troops to proclaim martial law and whether Governor Lowden was prepared to take that step was not made known. seemed to be generally believed that placing the militiamen on patrol duty would prevent further serious rioting.

While the troops were preparing to march from the armoles a riot broke out at Fiftiet's and State streets. Many men, negro and white, clashed, firing countless shots, the police report said. Police reserves were hurried to the scene.

ORDERED FROM ARMORIES. Chicago, Ill., July 30,-The State troops were ordered from the armories tonight to various points re-garded as danger centres. Request for the troops was made to Adju-tant General Dickson by Mayor Thompson to control the race riots.

Chicago, July 30,-(By The Associated Press.)-With four deaths and a score of persons wounded or beaten in continued rioting today between whites and negroes, police tonight were drawing a tight corden about south side negro, area and other outlying sections where negroes are segregated in the hope of averting further clashes. While city

tered. Of the four deaths, all of which were the result of shooting, two were shot today, the other two having been wounded in the rioting of Monday and Tuesday nights.

30 Dead, 17 Negroes, 13 Whites. Tonight the official death list for four days showed 30, of whom 17 were negroes, two unidentified and 13 whites, one unidentified.

Governor Lowden continued today to devote his time almost exclusively to the riots, as did Frank S. Dickson, Adjutant General of Illinois, and they ent extraordinary session. sere joined today by Attorney General Edward J. Brundage and Lieut. Gov. John G. Oglesby.

Attorney-General Brundage upon his arrival from Michigan, where he cut short a vacation, assigned an assistant, That Is The Class Suffering John F. Burns, to the coroner's office

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Government Called On To Do It or Again Raise Wages of Railroad Workers

Washington, July 30. -- (By The Associated Press.)-The alternative of government action to force down the cost of living or of demand by the railroad engineers of the country for another increase in wages was presented to President Wilson today by Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and members of the Brotherhood's ad- Francisco, Sept. 2 or 3, Secretary Tuvisory board.

Detailing conclusions reached by the advisory board at its recent meeting in Cleveland, Mr. Stone, in a prepared statement read to the President, deelared that while the railroad engineers found themselves "obliged to again request an increase to meet the mounting cost of living" they were of the opinion that "the true remedy for the situation and one that will result in lifting the burden under which the whole people are struggling, is for the government to take some adequate measures to reduce the cost of the necessaries of and income of the people will meet."

Conscienceless Profiteering. The Brotherhood board outlined no plan of action for the government to take beyond saying it was believed that "this situation is brought about mainly by conscienceless profiteering by th great interests who have secured control of all the necessaries of life." President Wilson, it was said after the conference, which insted half an hour, was much impressed with the statement presented and promised to give serious consideration and study to the question of what the government

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CUMMINGS TELLS WILSON IN CITY OF CHICAGO PEOPLE OF COUNTRY ARE STRONG FOR THE LEAGUE

TAX ON DRINKS TO HOLD ON A WHILE

Fountain Thirst-Quenchers and Ice Cream Will Continue To Pay in August

FINANCE COMMITTEE OF MATE MEETING TODAY

Called To Formulate Definite Policy As To Modifying Various Provisions of War Revenue Act, Lest "Pop-Gun Legislation" May Open Up Pandora Box of Trouble

Washington, July 30 .- Formulation of a definite policy as to legislation modifying various provisions of the war revenue act of 1919, against which protests have been received from various parts of the country, will be discussed at a meeting tomorrow of the Senate finance committee. The call for the meeting was issued by Chairman Pearose late today, following hearings on House bills repealing the soda water tax and substituting a tax of two cents a gallon on fruit juice beverages for the present ten per cent gross sales tax.

In addition to the two bills now pending before the Senate committee which certain Republican Senators regard as "popgun" legislation, proposals have been made in the House looking to the repeal of the luxury taxes as well as certain of the excise taxes, especially those relating to imposts on candy, sporting goods and furs.

How Far To Go.

Senate leaders, it is understood, feel that the question on in the how far

Congress is to go in this matter should be determined at once. Many Senators feel that if one section of the bill is re-opened, there is nothing that would prevent modifications of other provi-House Recess Stops Immediate Action.

ring to the Today's outbreaks were widely seat- for more than a month, members of the Benate committee said tonight the committee would take no final action upon the soda water and fruit juice tax bills before September at least.

The committee tomorrow is expected to discuss also the question of tariff legislation to some extent, although Senate Republican leaders believe that it would be unwise to take any action along those lines at this time owing to abnormal business condition.

They also doubt whether any such legisltion could be enacted at the pres-

PALMER WANTS TO HELP THE SALARY WORKERS

Most From The High Cost of Living.

Washington, July 30.-Several investigations which may have an effect on the high cost of living are under way in the Department of Justice, Attorney General Palmer said today. He declined however to indicate their nature. The Attorney General said that while

economic conditions were the funda mental cause of high prices, violations of laws designed to prevent concerted raising of prices also might be partly responsible. There is no doubt that the majority

of the people are more prosperous than ever before, farmers and wage earners especially," Mr. Palmer said. "The man vho has suffered from high prices has been the salaried man, the I wish we could do something to help him. I'm open to suggestions.

PRESIDENT WILL REVIEW PACIFIC FLEET SEPT. 2 Washington, July 30 .- President Wil-

multy announced late today. To Fix Responsibility For War. (By The Associated Press.) Berlin, July 30 .- A State tribunal i

on will review the Pacific fleet at San

to inquire into and fix the responsibility for the war. It will be composed of the supreme court of the Empire, whose president will be chairman. will be assisted by the president of the military court and the judges of the Prus 'an, Bayar'hn and Hansa courts. In addition, ten assistant judges will be elected, five by the National Assembly and five by a committee of the German States.

The sittings will be public. The tribunal will be only empowered to pronounce upon the question of guilt, it will not impose punishment.

After the Rent Profiteers.

Washington, July 30 .- A resolution designed to find out whether individuals, firms or corporations have increased prices or charges for rent, service or commodities to enable them to recoup taxes paid under the 1918 revenue act was introduced today by Representative sociation. During this time be Igoo, Democrat, Missouri. The resolution would have the ways and means of these occasions he was confined committee conduct an investigation,

Chairman Dem. National Committee Has Spent 2 Months In Trip Through 14 Western States

DECLINES TO SAY IF WILSON AS NEXT PARTY NOMINEE WAS MENTIONED

In Not a Single State He Vista ted Was a Majority of The People Opposed To The Leas gue of Nations, Cummings Declared, and If Given The Opportunity The People Would Ratify It "By a Vote of Ten To One, Without Change or Reservation": California 4 To 1 For The

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, July 30.-Homer & Cummings, chairman of the Democratic National committee, discussed with President Wilson today the political outlook for 1920 and the attitude of the country toward the peace treaty and the League of Nations, describing his observations during his recent two months trip through fourteen western

The conference, which lasted more than an hour, was the first the National chairman had had with the President since last December. Mr. Cummings refused to discuss the possibility of Mr. Wilson again leading his party in the 1920 election and would not affirm or deny that this subject was

broached dur g the conferences.

Sentiment Overwhelming.

Chairman Cummings said he told the President the country was overwhelmingly in favor of immediate ratifican of the treaty and its League of Nations covenant without change or recervation. As to the political situa-tion Mr. Cummings was understood to have been emphatically confident. Many matters of party interest were understood to have been taken up, and policies and legislation considered from

very conceivable angle. Proposed Tour Considered. lined to Mr. Cummings the tentative itinerary of the trip he will take through the country to give the people an account of his stewardship at Paris. The proposed trip was understood to have received the chairman's approba-

People Would Ratify 10 to 1. In no State he visited Mr. Cummings said, did he find a majority of the people opposed to the League On the contrary, he said, if the peo ple had an opportunity to vote on the question today a ten to one majority would be given in favor of immediate ratification of the league and covenant without change or reservation.

Hi Johnson's State 4 to 1 for League California, the home of Senator Johnson, one of the leading opponents of the league, Mr. Cummings said, found the sentiment four to one in favor of the league.

HAVE NOTABLE DAY

Secretary Daniels Will Be Chief Speaker at Opening of Press Association at Beach

Wilmington, July 30 .- Tomorrow will be a day of many interesting events in Wilmington, including a visit and two addresses by Hon. Josephus Daniels, of the Navy Department; the launching of a concrete ship by a government yard and a demonstration by three airplanes from Pope Field, Fayettevilla, while the launching takes place. The North Carolina Press Association be in session and will attend the

launching in a body. Mrs. Lewis R. Ferguson, wife of the general manager of the concrete ship plant, will christen the vessel, using a bottle of champagne on the bows in the good old way. As it is a half-holiday in the city, it is expected that severa thousand people will attend

launching. The editors will have luncheon at the Carolina steel shipyard as guesta of the yard. After the launching Mr Daniels will deliver an address to public, his morning address being for the editors only. At night the concrete shipyard will entertain its employee and the general public at a dance and

there will be general festivities. Mr. John B. Sherrill, secretary treasurer of the North Carolina Press Association arrived today to confer with Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, president of the association, and to make further pla for the reception and entertains the editors at the convention. Thi closes his thirty-first consecutive