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WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE WITH HARDING AND OTHER RESERVATION ADVOCATES

President Tells Foreign Affairs Committee 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 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 Associated 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.

In turn the President saw Senators Dillingham, of Vermont, Harding, of Ohio, Ferrand, of Maine, and Leavell, of Wisconsin. He talked for an hour with each of them going over many features of the Versailles negotiations.

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 adviser to the American peace delegation, as the first witness.

Both the Senate and the committee had recessed over today and many Senators went over for the first time the official text of the special defensive treaty with France, submitted for ratification yesterday by President Wilson.

Violation of Constitutional Provision? Two objections about which debate is expected to center are that the treaty departing from the tradition of an engaging alliances and that it violates the constitutional provision that Congress alone can declare war.

Interest in the subject was increased by today's dispatches from Paris saying that leaders in the Chamber of Deputies were disposed to delay ratification of the Versailles treaty until the American Senate had acted on the defensive treaty.

Was Harding Converted? Until today when he saw Senator Harding, President Wilson had invited to the White House none of the Republican members of the committee except Senator McCumber, North Dakota, who openly is a league supporter.

Tomorrow the President will see Senator New, Indiana, another Republican member of the committee who has indicated a possible conversion.

FEDERAL CONTROL OF WIRES AT AN END

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

PHONE RATES REMAIN 4 MONTHS UNLESS CHANGED

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

Washington, July 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Government control of telegraph and telephone properties will end at midnight tomorrow night. Orders for their return to private ownerships were issued today by Postmaster General Burleson as 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 public opinion ultimately would determine "how this trust has been met" and that he was content to abide by the result.

The postmaster general did not mention 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 legal cooperation.

As to "Phone Rates." Under the resolution of Congress instructing the return of the companies, government fixed intrastate telephone rates are to remain in force for a period of four months unless sooner changed by state commissions, but no provision was made as to telegraph rates.

Consequently, through the offices of the North Carolina Senators, the railroad administration lifts the embargo by an emphatic letter denying the express company the privilege of establishing embargoes without first consulting the railroad administration.

Referring to the advance in telegraph and telephone charges, Mr. Burleson in his statement said the percentage of these increases "was markedly less than the average of increases of rates made during this same period for other public utility services."

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 commanding a division of the Atlantic fleet and who commanded the battleship Florida with the British grand fleet during the war, was appointed by Secretary Daniels today as chief of the Bureau of Navigation to succeed Rear Admiral Victor Blue, who recently was retired because of ill health.

BAKER WILL SPEAK IN FAYETTEVILLE

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 E. 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 occasion of the memorable celebration of Lafayette day.

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

Wade Becomes Postmaster

The postoffice department today determined to install Robert T. Wade, 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.

Lift Embargo on Chickens

The United States Railroad 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 unutilized acreage on farms have proved profitable feeding grounds for "biddies" had found the arbitrary ruling of the express company working an undue hardship.

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REPORTED BURNING OF ARMY PLANES

Alleged 'Million Dollar Bonfire' 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 of American army officers, was described today before the House subcommittee which is investigating cruelties to prisoners and other alleged army irregularities.

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.

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 France.

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

Bacon, Corned Beef, Roast Beef, Washed Beef, Fresh Frozen Meats and Poultry, \$100,000,000 Worth, To Be Sold To Individuals Through Postoffice Employees

Washington, July 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Through the postmasters of the country, the War Department tomorrow will offer direct to consumers its present available supply of surplus foodstuffs, amounting to approximately \$100,000,000 worth.

Arrangements For Sale Made

Yesterday by the House, were made 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

Secretary 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 carrier.

How And Of Whom To Buy

Postmasters and carriers under arrangements made at the conference will act as government salesman, informing interested consumers of the prices and methods of sale and taking orders for the foodstuffs. Payment will be made by buyers at the time the orders are given the postmasters and carriers, 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 resolution 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.

MORE LATITUDE FOR DEPORTING ALIENS

Washington, July 30.—A bill to deport undesirable aliens, under which the government may send home enemy aliens now interned in this country, was passed today by the House.

RIOTING CONTINUES IN CITY OF CHICAGO

Four More Killed Yesterday and Scores Wounded or Beaten in The Fighting

STATE TROOPS ORDERED FROM ARMORIES TO ZONE

Police Drew Tighter Gordan 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 zone was taken tonight as a precautionary measure, after Adjutant General Dickson had made a round of the south side negro district and its environs.

While the troops were preparing to march from the armories a riot broke out at Fifteenth and State streets. Many men, negro and white, clashed, firing countless shots, the police reported 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 regarded as danger centers. Request for the troops was made to Adjutant 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 cord around south side negro area and other outlying sections where negroes are segregated in the hope of averting further clashes.

Tonight the official death list for four days showed 30 of whom 17 were negroes, two unidentified and 11 whites, one unidentified.

30 Dead, 17 Negroes, 13 Whites

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 advisory board.

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CUMMINGS TELLS WILSON 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 SENATE MEETING TODAY

Called To Formulate Definite Policy As To Modifying Various Provisions of War Revenue Act, Least "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.

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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 Visited Was a Majority of The People Opposed To The League 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 League

Washington, July 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Chairman Cummings, 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 States.

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 during the conference.

Senator Cummings said he told the President the country was overwhelmingly in favor of immediate ratification of the treaty and its League of Nations covenant without change or reservation.

Many matters of party interest were understood to have been taken up, and policies and legislation considered from every conceivable angle.

Proposed Tour Considered

The President was said to have outlined 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 approbation.

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 of Nations. On the contrary, he said, if the people 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.

California, the State 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.

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 air-planes from Pope Field, Fayetteville, while the launching takes place.

Mr. Daniels will deliver an address to the public, his morning address being for the editors only. At night the concrete shipyard will entertain its employees and the general public at a dance and there will be general festivities.

Mr. John B. Sherrill, secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina Press Association arrived today to confer with Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, president of the association, and to make further plans for the reception and entertainment of the editors at the convention.

NEWSPAPER MEN TO HAVE NOTABLE DAY