

IMPENDING BREAK BY REPUBLICANS OVER THE LEAGUE

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Washington, Dec. 26.—The impending break in the Republican party over the League of Nations can no longer be kept in the background as the antagonistic factions of the Republican party are daily becoming more insistent that the vague Harding program be made specific that all elements may know what to expect of the new administration as to its attitude toward international affairs, and especially as to the Harding policy with respect to the peace treaty and a solution of the league problem.

A veritable revolution which has been brewing for weeks threatens to break out at any moment in all its fury as a foreword to a conflict which may equal in bitterness the one that was waged in the Senate and in the country under President Wilson.

Open Conflict Inevitable.

Republican leaders now confess that their differences have not been composed, and that a conflict is inevitable. At first the irreconcilables seemed pleased with the attitude of their President-elect, as he declared that it was not ratification that he wanted but rejection. Then it was the bitter-enders felt they had won a signal victory in the election of Senator Harding, but the Harding non-committal policy since that time has not only aroused suspicion but it has given ample grounds for the conviction that Mr. Harding is gradually receding from the position which pleased them and is aligning himself with the pro-leaguers of his party preparatory to announcing a definite policy favorable to the association or a league of nations.

The bitter-enders have indicated that they are opposed to this policy and they will fight it as they fought the Wilson policy of ratification of the treaty of Versailles and the covenant of the league of nations.

Tariff Bill Up Today.

The Fordney tariff bill, which passed the House by a vote of 195 to 85, forty-one Democrats voting with the Republicans, is now in the Senate. It is expected that the bill will be reported by the Senate committee today. The bill has been held up and denied reference to the finance committee. Through the inclusion of farm products in the specified items upon which duty is placed Democratic leaders are not impressed with the measure, their contention being that such a bill will be neither the producer nor the consumer but that it is a delusive offering in behalf of the principle of protection. Since the action of the House there is evidence of increased opposition among the Democrats against the measure. They feel that the bill will not only be of no benefit to the producer but that it will be a burden to the consumer.

Congress To Get To Work

Congress will not wait until after the holidays have passed to plunge into the mass of business awaiting its action, but will get to work at once. The holiday was cut short because of the necessity of pressing legislation and it may be expected that no time will be lost in getting essential measures ready for action.

Immediate work for the House is the passage of the sundry civil appropriation bill, carrying items not cared for in the other principal appropriation bills. A piece of work of gigantic proportions is that embraced in the twelve master appropriation bills which have been placed in charge of the salary of House appropriators committee. The bills are the most important, but the committee as well because under the new order of things, the only committee that is really worth while. Ten sub-committees from this master committee have been deeply engaged in shaping bills. The district and pension bills have been passed. The latter carrying \$265,000,000. Hearings have been finished on a sundry civil, legislative, executive and judicial and the postoffice bills. Hearings are in progress on the army and military academy bill, the navy, fortifications and rivers and harbors bill. The Indian and agricultural bills are being prepared for coming this week.

CENTRAL MARKETS IN LARGE CITIES NEEDED FOR FOODS

Federal Trade Commission Urges Federal Licensing System for Dealers

NEED FEDERAL ACTION FOR EFFECTIVE CONTROL

More Adequate Facilities for Handling Foodstuffs Needed to Enable Producer to Ship Freely to Central Points; Milling Industry of Country Concentrated

Washington, Dec. 26.—Establishment of central markets for perishable food products in all large cities and the setting up of a Federal licensing system applicable to all dealers in such foods at those markets is proposed by the Federal Trade Commission in its annual report today to Congress.

The commission's conclusions are based on an investigation covering many months and it declares that Federal action is necessary to obtain effective regulation and to avoid unfair and wasteful practices with the consequent effect on prices. In the present system the commission sees as a hindrance to the proper passage of perishables from the producer to the consumer certain interstate dealings which it believes should be eliminated and it suggests that the handling of these products be surrounded by numerous regulations and restrictions such as the recording of available supplies, the dating of cold storage periods and provisions for auction marketing.

Federal Control Needed.

Facilities should be made adequate, the commission says, to enable the producer to ship freely into the central markets and "with proper protection of his interests." The marketing system should be so governed that objectionable handling would be eliminated and proper co-ordination of transportation facilities should be accomplished to make deliveries certain when required.

The commission says that the need of reforms can hardly be expected to be accomplished by the initiative of the dealers' and asserts that State and municipal authorities lack adequate power to effectively regulate the handling of the food supplies. Although co-operation of State and local authorities and railroads might accomplish the desired results, the commission believes this plan does not hold out much hope for a satisfactory solution of the problem.

Milling Industry Concentrated.

Turning to wheat products, the commission says it has found that concentration of the milling industry has progressed far enough so that "probably ten of the largest milling concerns could supply the demand of the country for flour." The commission mentions incidentally that its figures from 37 milling corporations showed that their sales had increased from \$180,000,000 in 1914 to \$354,000,000 in 1919 and 1920 while their annual profits had grown from \$5,500,000 to \$20,000,000 in the same period.

Reporting on the operation of the Webb-Pomeroy act permitting formations of associations for export trade, the commission informs Congress that this act has served as "a decided factor" in promoting the progress of American manufacturers in foreign markets. The commission says that during the year 43 associations comprising approximately 732 concerns whose offices and plants are distributed over 43 States of the Union reported to it as operating under the export act.

Urges Trade Report Act.

"Records of the Commission continue to show that the report continues to be the criticism so often charged against United States exporters of failing to cultivate and maintain permanent trade relations abroad and too often withdrawing from a particular foreign market as soon as more attractive opportunities present themselves at home or elsewhere will not apply to associations operating under the export trade act."

In reply to questionnaires sent out by the commission requesting expression of opinion as to the actual working out of the export trade act, the replies out of the most part expressed satisfaction over results obtained under the law. It was reported that the system of collective advertising and selling makes for the elimination of much needless expense and duplication of effort. Several associations reported that their system of conducting business abroad is meeting with the hearty approval of the foreign customers.

The commission says also that the law instead of increasing the strength of the already great American industrial establishments, has enabled the smaller concerns to band together in a fashion to push fully organized export trade in a keen competitive manner which they are not able to do at home. "To this extent, the commission believes, the law has worked to the great advantage of the small firms."

FAMOUS ACE COMES IN FACE OF GOING TO JAIL

Columbus, O., Dec. 26.—Eddie Rickensacker, premier American ace, came "within an ace" of spending Christmas in a Chicago jail, instead of with his mother in this city.
En route east from California Rickensacker registered at a Chicago hotel. The clerk, believing him to be the fake "Eddie Rickensacker" who was married in Jacksonville, Fla., early this week, and who was alleged to have disappeared after having embezzled several thousand dollars, called the house detective to arrest him.
After much explaining, Rickensacker convinced the police that he was the real Eddie Rickensacker, and was released.

FAMOUS ITALIAN POET FIGHTS LOSING BATTLE AGAINST ITALY



Gabriele d'Annunzio, the Italian poet, who in September of last year led forty motor lorries with volunteers and took possession of the Italian city of Fiume, is shown here at his home with his son, Gabriellino, a famous dramatic artist. Latest reports indicate that Italian forces are gradually closing in on the insurgents.

Early in 1919 Italy was stirred to fever heat over the question of taking possession of the eastern coast of the Adriatic sea. On January 16, of last year, Lieut. Col. d'Annunzio, as he was then known, issued a manifesto in newspapers demanding the inclusion of Dalmatia in the kingdom of Italy and severely denouncing those opposing this course, and closed with:
"No bones, no scraps, no rags, no bartering, no frauds! Enough! Overturn the counters! Smash the false balance! If it becomes necessary we will confront the new conspiracy with a bomb in either hand and a knife between the teeth!"

Following this there was a controversy over the use of Fiume as a port through which to send food to Jugo-Slavs which resulted in some slight disorder. On May 24 when Italy celebrated the anniversary of her entry into the war the poet was denied permission to make an address and resigned from the army.
In taking possession of Fiume, d'Annunzio had the sympathy of the army and of the people generally, it is said.

HARDING WILL TAKE UP HOME PROBLEMS

Foreign Questions Will Give Way This Week to Domestic Discussions

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Questions of foreign relations and association of nations will give way to domestic discussions at the home of President-elect Harding here this week.
Among those with whom Senator Harding will discuss domestic problems are a number of Senate and House leaders. Days on which they will be here has not been announced. The list includes Senator McCumber of North Dakota, one of the ranking members of the Senate Finance committee; Representative Good, of Iowa, chairman of the House appropriations committee; Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, majority leader in the House; Representative Kelly, of Michigan, and Representative Anthony of Kansas, member of the House military committee.

Cabinet selections are also expected to be discussed at a proposed conference with Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee. Governor-elect Harry L. Davis, of Ohio, also is on the list for a conference which is expected to deal with Senator Harding's resignation from the Senate and the appointment of his successor by the incoming governor. It is expected that Senator-elect Frank B. Willis will be named to finish out Senator Harding's unexpired term. Governor Cox recently announced that he would appoint Mr. Willis if Senator Harding wished to resign his seat in the Senate to devote his time to other matters before entering on his duties as the nation's chief executive March 4.

Senator Harding spent a quiet day following his Christmas celebration. He remained at home most of the day, the only call being made at the home of Dr. C. E. Sawyer. Mrs. Harding accompanied him.

IRISH PAPER RAIDED BY ARMED AND MASKED MEN

Cork, Dec. 26.—Thirty armed and masked raiders invaded the offices of the Cork Examiner Christmas eve, broke the machinery with hammers, wrecked parts of the building with explosives and set fire to the property. They escaped before the arrival of the police. The fire was extinguished but the other damage was very extensive.
The raiders, who wore civilian clothes and were acting under orders of the Irish republic. They forced their way through the front entrance, carrying sledge hammers, with which they smashed two large printing presses. Cutting the telephone wires they proceeded to place bombs and sticks of gelatin under the machines, some of which were blown to pieces.
The raiders remained 25 minutes. It is believed the attack was caused by the attitude of the Examiner on the recent pastoral letter issued by the Bishop of Cork.

ELEVEN STILL DESTROYED BY VIRGINIA REVENUE OFFICERS

Bristol, Va., Dec. 26.—Eleven stills and 148 tubs, used as fermenters, were destroyed by revenue and local officers in a raid captured today in Wise county, Virginia. Permanent still houses, covered with tar roofing, were found by the officers. The moonshiners escaped.

THREE FOOTPADS OPERATE IN HALF BLOCK OF POLICEMAN

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26.—John W. Hazelgrove, 61 Roanoke, was waylaid and robbed by three footpads in the heart of the city early tonight within a half block of a policeman stationed in a block.
Hazelgrove was black jacked and collected \$100. The thieves overtook a gold watch and ring.

SENATE TAKES UP TARIFF MEASURE FOR DEBATE TODAY

Holiday Spirit to Prevail in Congress Until After the New Year

UNWRITTEN AGREEMENT TO MARK TIME FOR WEEK

Republican Senators Expect to Vote Emergency Tariff Bill Into Committee; Democrats to Use Every Parliamentary Tactic in Their Play for Time

Washington, Dec. 26.—Congress will reassemble tomorrow after a brief Christmas week and the holiday spirit promised to prevail, with little important business planned until the New Year. Many Senators and Representatives will not return to Washington until next week and, by unwritten agreement, several hearings and other affairs will go over.

The opening clash in the Senate on the emergency tariff bill which passed the House last week, is expected tomorrow. Blocked by the Democrats last week the Republicans plan for tomorrow another effort to refer the measure to the finance committee. Notices accompanied Christmas greetings, to all Republican Senators from Senator Curtis, of Kansas, Republican, who, urging a solid Republican plan tomorrow to vote the tariff measure into committee. Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, and other Democrats opposing the bill plan to use every parliamentary tactic in their power in a play for time. They do not hope to prevent ultimate committee reference, however.

Democrats To Oppose Bill.

Prospects are that there will be a much more solid Democratic line-up against tariff legislation in the Senate than in the House and Republican leaders accordingly plan to forego formal hearings before the committee and hasten action in other ways. The majority leaders concede privately that, in the event of a vote, the bill is in prospect and see slight possibility of obtaining the necessary two-thirds vote to invoke cloture.
Secretary Houston of the Treasury Department will resume his statement regarding National finance tomorrow before the finance committee. The secretary has been asked especially for specific advice regarding the bill for increased compensation to former service men.

To Resume Coal Investigation.

Further hearings in the coal investigation committee headed by Senator Caffery, Republican, New York, may be held this week, but this investigation with other suspended by the holidays may go over until next week.
The House tomorrow will consider minor bills and during the week expect to begin consideration of its second regular appropriation bill, the Sundry Civil budget. All important House committee work is suspended until next week.

The House is to work all this week except only New Year's day, but the Senate may take another week-end recess for the last holiday of Congress before the end of the session on March 3.

TWO LITTLE CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH IN HOUSE

Macon, Ga., Dec. 26.—Two little children in the home of Tom Lowe, at Gordon, near here, were burned alive on Christmas Eve in a fire that destroyed the Lowe home, according to information brought here today. A six-year-old daughter had been left in the home to care for the little ones, while the parents went shopping when the fire broke out.

EIGHT HUNDRED BALES OF COTTON BURNED IN ORANGEBURG.

Orangeburg, S. C., Dec. 26.—Fire last night destroyed 800 bales of cotton and part of the building of the Orangeburg Bonded Warehouse Company. The loss, estimated at approximately \$50,000, not including the damage to the building, is said to be covered by insurance. Several freight cars on a siding were also destroyed by the flames, but the Standard Oil Company's tanks and the plant of the Southern Cotton Oil Company nearby, were safely saved. Christmas fireworks are supposed to have caused the fire.

WANT TWO MILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD COTTON WAREHOUSES

Oklahoma City, Dec. 26.—An appropriation of \$2,000,000 to establish a State system of bonded warehouses for storing cotton and other farm products will be asked of the Oklahoma Legislature in January, it was announced today by the committee which has been drafting a warehouse bill.

TWO MEN SHOT DEAD WHEN THEY FIRE ON TROOPS

Dublin, Dec. 26.—Two men who fired on the Crown forces today at Tralee were shot dead by the military when they tried to escape. They had revolvers and "dum-dum" bullets in their possession.

MISTAKEN FOR THIEF MINISTER BADLY BEATEN

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 26.—Mistaken for a thief as he was hurrying to his church with communion cups under his arm, Rev. Henry C. Milby, pastor of St. Paul's English Evangelical church, was stopped and badly beaten by a crowd here today. The minister was knocked down twice and kicked by members of the crowd before he could make his identity known. He walked to the church and received first aid after being liberated. Rev. Milby's face was cut and he was badly bruised.

QUICK WORK BY ARKANSAS MOB IN LYING NEGRO

Jonesboro, Ark., Dec. 26.—Wade Thomas, the negro who last night shot and killed Elmer Ragland, a policeman here, during a raid on a dice game, was taken from the jail here tonight by a mob of about 600 citizens and after being paraded through the business streets of the town, was hung to a telegraph pole near the scene of his crime. The body was then riddled with bullets.

Thomas was arrested early today at Hoxi, Ark., and was brought to jail here. Arrangements had been made to call a special session of the grand jury on Monday to handle the case promptly.

The mob went about its work quietly, the leaders demanding admission from the jailer, who after arguing that the law be allowed to take its course, turned over the negro. Thomas was taken from his cell and with a rope around his neck paraded for several blocks through the central part of town by the 600 or more members of the mob. The rope was finally thrown over the cross-arm of a telegraph pole, and after the negro was apparently dead, the body was riddled with bullets. The mob immediately dispersed, and the town is quiet tonight. A number of other negroes held in the jail in connection with the shooting of Ragland were not molested.

Before being taken from the jail Thomas admitted shooting the policeman, but claimed self-defense, as the officer was firing at him, he said.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FARMERS BELIEVERS IN CO-OPERATION

Sanapee, N. H., Dec. 25.—The farmers of this countryside have rid their lands and environs of a plague of animal menaces to next season's crops in a new manner. Calling the spirit of competition and the joy of the hunt to their aid they organized the men of the town into two teams of hunters. The result was a week's hunt that brought down a big bag of squirrels and other small game, gave the hunters a good time and for the farmers prepared the way for the next planting.

The clean-up of the countryside was accomplished on a competitive basis that allowed in a new manner each animal killed. Squirrels, hedgehogs, foxes, skunks and rabbits each had their point value and each had many members in the aggregate bag that totaled 84,200 points at the week's close. Eli J. Gleason, the fish and game warden, was captain of the team that won with a count of 51,900 and under the conditions of the contest were given a dinner at which the animals killed were tossed into the pot. Rabbit stew has been the plea of resistance at family tables here since.

CRITICIZES OPEN SHOP PROPAGANDA

An Effort to Destroy Organized Labor Movement, Says Church Council

New York, Dec. 26.—The open shop campaign in American industry was criticized as an effort to destroy the organized labor movement, in a statement issued today by the Commission of the Church and Social Service of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. This council is composed of representatives of 31 Protestant denominations having a membership of about 29,500,000. The statement follows:
"The relations between employers and workers throughout the United States are seriously affected at this moment by a campaign which is being conducted for the 'open shop' policy—the so-called 'American plan' of employment. These terms are now being frequently used to designate establishments that are definitely anti-union. Obviously, a shop of this kind is not an 'open shop' but a 'closed shop'—closed against members of labor unions.

"We feel impelled to call public attention to the fact that a very widespread impression exists that the present 'open shop' campaign is inspired in many quarters by this antagonism to union labor. Many disinterested persons are convinced that an attempt is being made to destroy the organized labor movement. Any such attempt must be viewed with apprehension by fair-minded people.

"When, for example, an applicant for work is compelled to sign a contract pledging himself against affiliation with a union, or when a union man is refused employment or discharged, merely on the ground of union membership, the employer is using coercive methods and is violating the fundamental principle of an open shop. Such action is unfair and inimical to economic freedom and to the interest of society as a corresponding coercion exercised by labor bodies in behalf of the closed shop.

"It seems incumbent upon Christian employers to scrutinize carefully any movement, however plausible, which is likely to result in denying to the workers such affiliation as will in their judgment best safeguard their interests and promote their welfare, and to precipitate disastrous industrial conflicts at a time when the country needs good will and co-operation between employers and employees.

URGE REPEAL OF STATE ANTI- TRUST LAWS IN REPORT.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Repeal of State anti-trust laws to legalize the newly created American marine insurance syndicates is urged in a report made public today by the House committee on merchant marine and fisheries and the shipping board.
The report attacks the legislative disabilities imposed by State statutes on the development of American insurance for American ships and recommends a more liberal treatment of American companies in the matter of taxation and legal restrictions.

ITALIAN TROOPS GRADUALLY CLOSE IN AROUND FIUME

Expected That d'Annunzian Stronghold Will Soon Be Captured

POET'S SOLDIERS MAKE ONLY WEAK RESISTANCE

Gen. Cavaglia Plans to Tighten Grip Until d'Annunzio Is Re- duced to Helplessness; Or- ders Are Given Not to Fire Unless Provoked by Inag- ents

Triest, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press).—The Italian regulars have reached the factories on the edge of Fiume and are closing in gradually on the D'Annunzio stronghold. It is expected Fiume will be taken this evening or tomorrow morning.

General Cavaglia on Friday ordered the occupation to advance positions around Fiume in consequence of recent incidents and the threatening attitude taken by D'Annunzio's legionnaires. The poet's soldiers resisted the advancing troops, who lost five men killed and thirty wounded.

ADVANCE TWO KILOMETRES WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT

Udine, Italy, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press).—General Canaglia's regular Italian forces advanced two kilometers this morning without firing a shot in a combined land and naval movement to close in on Gabriele d'Annunzio, the insurgent leader in Fiume whose men retired. The Fiume triangle now is cut off and the poet's aviation field has been captured.

GENERAL PLANS TO TIGHTEN ON POET'S FORCES GRADUALLY

Udine, Italy, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press).—The plan of Gen. Cavaglia is gradually to tighten his grip on Fiume until D'Annunzio is reduced to helplessness. Cavaglia's men advanced today from the North, cutting off the top of the triangle of which Fiume is formed and occupied Grobino, Santa Croce and San Mattia. The aviation field captured is at Grobino. The D'Annunzio troops evacuated these points without offering resistance.
At points from the shore northward the D'Annunzio line gave way and the regulars advanced half a kilometre. It was a simultaneous movement from three sides. The movement from the direction of Udine was effected by an overwhelming body of troops which advanced on the thirty hold line of D'Annunzio's legionnaires. The advance was accomplished principally by Alpini who occupied the high land covering the rugged territory to the rear of Fiume, including two ranges of hills. Toward the sea the regulars' line is held by the Royal guards and carabinieri.

While the troops advanced on the hilly ground overlooking the sea, the Italian fleet kept silent guard in Fiume Bay. The powerful squadron consists of first line battleships and destroyers. It is reported that the orders to fire unless provoked. D'Annunzio's spokesman says he has ordered his officers not to fire until he gives the word.

MANY APPLICATIONS FOR WATER POWER PROJECTS

Aggregate of Twelve Million Horse-Power Planned for Development

Washington, Dec. 26.—Applications for the development of more than 12,000,000 horse power had been filed under the Federal waterpower act with the Federal power commission up to December 18, the commission announced today.

Completion of the contemplated plans, as shown in the applications, the commission estimates, will advance water power development in the United States by more than 40 per cent and will involve an investment of \$1,300,000,000. The projects covered in the applications range from a small ten horsepower plant for a Wyoming summer cottages to the Wyoming monument to the storage of the waters of the Upper Col. and its tributaries in a huge reservoir and the ultimate development of more than 3,000,000 horsepower by the utilization of the waters in a drop of 2,900 feet.

Twenty-seven states in addition to Alaska and the district of Columbia are represented in the 129 applications filed with the commission.

Permits had been filed from Southern states as follows:

Alabama, three; District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia (of course), West Virginia, one; Florida and Alabama, (combined) one; Mississippi, one; North Carolina, three; and Virginia, two.

FEDERAL AGENTS ARRIVE TO INVESTIGATE DEATH

Bayonne, N. J., Dec. 26.—Federal agents arrived here today for an investigation of the death of John P. McGuinness, prohibition enforcement agent whose body was found in Newark Bay on Friday with a bullet hole through his head. The investigation was started at the instance of Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the President who is a relative of the widow of the dead prohibition official.
The Federal officials, headed by William J. Flynn, of the department of justice working in cooperation with prohibition agents sent from New York, examined the scene of McGuinness' death and the revolver found in his hand. The New York agents expressed the opinion that if McGuinness had shot himself, as the Bayonne police believe, the revolver would not have been found in his hand, as his fingers would have relaxed after the discharge of the gun, which would have fallen into the water.