

NUMEROUS SECRET CONFERENCES MAY SOON BE DIVULGED

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Have Ears Which May
Have Heard "Too Much"

STATE SPRINGS BIG SURPRISE ON DEFENSE

How Much Evidence State
Has Gathered Through Dic-
taphone Not Given Out

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30.—A bit of twisted wire, dangling from an upper window today led to an investigation by counsel defending James B. McManis and the attorneys became convinced that the walls of the Los Angeles county jail have ears which have heard many confidential speeches.

A wire runs from a window in an unoccupied cellroom on the third floor of the jail to another unoccupied room on the second floor.

Visitors to Orlie E. McManis, one of the state's main witnesses in the trial of McManis for the death of Chas. J. Haggerty, one of the 21 men killed in the explosion of the Los Angeles Times building, saw McManis in the upper room from which the wire dangles.

A detective and perhaps a stenographer were in the lower room but for all practical purposes, it is said, the wire was hidden in hearing of persons who talked to McManis while the grand jury was in session. This is the declaration of the defense which has no documentary evidence except a picture of the wire.

"I should not wonder a bit if it's true," said District Attorney Fredrickson, when asked if a dictaphone had been used in this manner. "There should be nothing unusual about that. There's just a round disc attached to the window shade or against the pane so that no one would notice it and the wire leading to some other place."

What Device May Mean
What this device may mean to the state became manifest on inspection of the list of names of those who have visited McManis. Mrs. McManis, who according to her husband, coerced him by threats of separation into signing a note asking Clarence S. Darrow, chief counsel for the defense, to come to see him. It is the theory of counsel for the defense that this interview was transcribed on the floor above. McManis, a short time later, repudiated the request.

After McManis's uncle, a railroad engineer visited him, the uncle was taken before the grand jury. He emerged greatly astonished. "They asked about things I said to Orlie that I never spoke before in my life," he declared to his friends. "I said 'em in that room and nowhere else."

How much more evidence the state gathered in this manner its counsel will not say.

WHITELAW REID MAKES PRINCIPAL SPEECH AT THANKSGIVING DINNER

American Ambassador Tells
of Two Kinds of Ameri-
cans in Address.

BOASTERS—KNOCKERS

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador, today presided over and made the principal speech at the Thanksgiving Day dinner of the American Society at the Hotel Savoy.

There are only two kinds of Americans," said Mr. Reid, "who will not respond to our toast and be better for the grateful and inspiring temper of the day. One is the class that is never satisfied with its own country and always is eager to tell how much better they do everything abroad. It seems they think that all American politics are a mess of corruption, that most American business is a cross between gambling and grand larceny, that most of our public men have their price; that all American newspapers are beneath contempt because they publish principally the things in which their readers are interested and that the conduct of congress is unworthy because it is not up to the standard of the house of commons."

He described the other and equally unimportant class as frequenting the hotels of Europe unable to talk the language of the people and as thinking the old world had nothing to teach Americans and that "the good old United States is good enough for him."

Continuing Mr. Reid said: "Throughout Europe, Asia and Africa there are wars or rumors of wars. Even this great and powerful empire in whose capital we are gathered has its moments of painful anxiety."

PREMIER FEARED OUTBREAK AMONG VARIOUS TROOPS

For This Reason It Is Thought
he Permitted Departure
of the Manchus

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HOLDS SHORT SESSION

Most of Provinces Ignore The
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sentatives to Peking

PEKING, Nov. 30.—The national assembly convened in secret session today at the request of Yuan Shi Kai, the premier. The number of members present has not been ascertained, but it is believed to have been small, mainly imperialists. The Franco-Belgium loan of \$30,000,000 which was negotiated by the Japanese Baron Cotta, was approved as also was the contract in conjunction with the loan for a bridge across the Yang Tze river between Hankow and Wu-Chang. The sum of 14,000,000 taels to be delivered to the government through the Russian and Belgian banks here will be forthcoming immediately. There has been a significant movement of troops in and out of Peking, Manchus departing and Chinese taking their places. It is reliably reported that by reason of these changes the garrison now is almost equally balanced between Manchus and Chinese troops. The action of the premier in permitting the departure of the Manchus is believed to indicate his reliance on the loyalty of Yuan Shi Kai, but what is considered the real reason for the change is that Yuan Shi Kai feared an outbreak among the troops which would result in anti-foreign disorders. Prominent Manchus, however, distrust Yuan Shi Kai and believe his object was solely to obtain complete power.

Kai May Assume Throne
Reports are seriously circulated here that Yuan Shi Kai intends to assume the regency if not the throne. Friends of the premier, fearing for his safety, are endeavoring to dissuade him from assuming the throne or Chinese, recently solicited several of the foreign legations to take measures to protect him. The legations, through the dean of the diplomatic corps, intimated their willingness to acquiesce.

William J. Calhoun, the American minister is continuing his endeavors to induce Americans in the interior to come to places where foreign protection can be afforded them.

Most of the provinces have declined or ignored the government's summons that they send representatives to Peking to discuss the situation but it is said they are willing to meet delegates from the loyal provinces at Shanghai.

Attorney General's Stand.
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END IS NOT YET IN RE-ORGANIZATION OF AMER. TOB. CO.

Independents Will Ask Leave
to File Petition For Writ
of Mandamus

"VITAL DEFECTS" IN PLAN POINTED OUT

"Virtual Control Disintegrat-
ed Companies Remains
With Defendants"

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Felix M. Levy, attorney for the independent tobacco interests, announced tonight that he will ask the United States Circuit court on Monday next for leave to file a petition for a writ of mandamus directing the judges of the Circuit court of New York to vacate their decree approving the re-organization of the American Tobacco company and to enter a decree "in conformity with the opinion" of the Supreme court. The petition for leave to file already has been served upon the attorneys of the American Tobacco company. It further asks the court's permission for a mandamus compelling the petitioners, named as "the leaf tobacco board of trade of the city of New York" to intervene in the case with a right to appeal from the decree; also for writs prohibiting the execution of the re-organization plan and ordering the production by the circuit judges of "all documents and evidence on which they have acted in determining the form of their said decree." The petition sets forth that previous to the submission of the plan to the Circuit court by the American Tobacco company, four private conferences were held in New York, some of which were attended by the judges of the court; Attorney General Wickersham, James M. Reynolds, special assistant to the attorney general, the attorneys for a tobacco company and two of the individual defendants James B. Duke and Percival S. Hill.

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At the Boarding-House This Morning.



Find the Only One Who Wants Turkey.

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Driving Italian Fiat he Repeats His Performance of Year Ago Except That he Establishes New World's Record—Foreign Cars and American Drivers Best Combination—Not an Accident to Mar Enjoyment.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Nov. 30.—Flying faster than the biting wind which swept the track, Bruce-Brown, the young American millionaire driver, established a new world's record for automobile road races in winning his second grand prize race for many years at an average speed of 74.46 miles an hour. His average last year over the same course was 70.55 miles an hour.

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HON. CHAMP CLARK GOT TO RALEIGH UNHERALDED

His Letter Delayed and He
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on Street Corner.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 30.—Hon. Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, was found standing all alone on the "postoffice corner," Fayetteville and Main streets, this morning about 11 o'clock by a passing local lawyer who recognized him. He was supposed to be on his way to Raleigh so as to reach here at six p. m. to deliver an address before the North Carolina Teachers' assembly. However, he had written to Gov. Kitchin and Secretary Connor of the assembly that he would come on the morning train. The letters were not received.

Assembly officers, Governor Kitchin state officers and others were to have welcomed Mr. Clark this evening. He seemed to have really enjoyed getting in unheralded and joked of the incident. He was quickly and heartily taken in hand as soon as his presence was known and escorted to the executive office of Governor Kitchin in the state house where there was an informal reception for a couple of hours before lunch. He is guest at the governor's mansion. He is seen in the spirit and insists that he will talk no politics on this trip.

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GATHER AT GOVERNOR'S BECK TO "TALK LIQUOR"

Tennesseans Will Discuss
Enforcement of Temper-
ance Laws.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 30.—More than 300 delegates gathered in Nashville today from all parts of Tennessee at the call of Governor Hopper to discuss the temperance laws and plans for their enforcement. The conference named a committee to wage a campaign for law enforcement.

The conference also decided that a committee of seven jurists shall be named who will investigate the powers of the governor under the present laws and recommend to a future conference what laws will be necessary to make the better enforcement of the prohibition laws possible.

The delegates expressed the opinion that the prohibition laws are generally well enforced except in the big cities and insisted that no backward steps shall be taken in the temperance movement.

AD WOLGAST RESTING EASY.
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 30.—Ad Wolgast, who underwent an operation yesterday for appendicitis, was resting easily tonight and was pronounced by his physicians to be in a satisfactory condition. Wolgast showed much interest in the outcome of the Welsh-Ritchie bout, and smiled when told that Wells had won the decision at the end of 20 rounds of grueling fighting. He made no comment.

Manager Tom Jones denied reports that Wolgast would be unfit to fight after he had recovered from the operation.

"Wolgast is still the champion," said Jones, "and he will defend his title. It may be some time but he will re-enter the ring, and Freddie Welsh will be his first opponent for the title. But I will not allow Wolgast to do any kind of training in less than six months."

SUBSIDIARIES TO BE INDEPENDENT BEGINNING TODAY

"Father of Trusts" Standard
Oil Co. of New Jersey no
Longer In Control

PUBLIC WARNED NOT TO EXPECT TOO MUCH

Public Relations With S. O.
Will Not be Visibly Affected
For The Present

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The career of the "oil trust" officially came to an end today. The Standard Oil company of New Jersey, sometimes called the "Father of Trusts," and perhaps the most celebrated corporation in the world, will no longer control the affairs, as the holding company, of more than thirty corporations in various branches of the oil business. Beginning tomorrow these subsidiaries, which under the decree of the United States Supreme court, must conduct independently the various enterprises, will assume entire management of their own affairs. The oil trust theoretically passed out of existence on Aug. 31 when the books containing the records of the company's stockholders were closed for distribution of the stock of the subsidiaries.

Now the work of disintegration has been completed. Two stock issues representing the subsidiaries will pass into the hands of owners of oil Standard Oil stock tomorrow and the threads which long have bound the oil companies together will be severed. The task of effecting disintegration was made less difficult by the fact that the subsidiary companies never had lost their identity.

Retention Offices.
They have retained their separate offices and boards of directors and to a large extent have conducted their own affairs from their home offices, in whatever states they were. These companies, however, have had representation at 26 Broadway, the home of the New Jersey corporation which exercised general direction over all their affairs, subsidiaries which had not already surrendered their offices at 26 Broadway will do so, and henceforth the affairs of such companies will be conducted in its home state. The Standard Oil company of New Jersey will continue to exist as it owns several large plants.

To each stockholder will be forwarded tomorrow his proportionate share of stock in each of the subsidiaries, so that in place of one issue of stock he will have more than thirty. The subsidiaries will continue to exist as heretofore, except that in cases where the same men have acted as officers or directors of more than one company, changes will be made to avoid such duplication.

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WILL FIGHT WELLS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—Packey McFarland, the idol of the Chicago stockyards, won and lost today when he got the decision over "Harlem Tommy" Murphy at the end of the twenty rounds of fighting before six thousand critical spectators. McFarland's victory over the New Yorker, who 99 per cent of those present expected him to knock out, was clean and left little room for argument. But the rank and file of experts and fight followers seemed unanimous that as an opponent of Champion Ad Wolgast, the Chicagoan was an impossibility.

McFarland and his handlers said that he broke his right hand in the twelfth round. A surgery examination at the conclusion of the fight showed the hand to be much swollen, but of this the public was not aware until after he had left the arena.

McFarland, if he really broke his hand, fought a wonderful battle. Murphy on the other hand gave an

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