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LEAGUE WILL NOT DISCUSS PRESENT TROUBLES ABROAD

At First Decided to Present French Occupation to League. BUT POINCARE IS OPPOSED TO IT

PARIS, Jan. 28.—Tonight there is a little chance that the subject of the occupation of the Ruhr district will be discussed by the council of the League of Nations, which will meet tomorrow. The president, Leon Bourgeois, has announced before leaving that he would bring up the question, but who told The Associated Press today that after a talk with Premier Poincare, he did not think the question would be reached in the council.

M. Branting, "if after consulting my colleagues on the council I find it will be disagreeable to any of the chief member countries, I will accept the mission to arbitrate the Mosul dispute, notwithstanding the great difficulties involved."

M. Branting was reticent regarding the talk he had with Premier Poincare, but The Associated Press is able to say that the French premier made it clear that the Ruhr question was not considered by the French Government, a proper subject for discussion by the council of the League of Nations.

The French Government does not consider the reparations question generally now to be in such a position that league action could be useful; and M. Poincare holds that under the resolution adopted by the assembly of the league September 27, regarding reparations, the council of the league, it was expressly stated that intervention by the council could only be made on request of the member states directly interested in the question.

One of the first things that will be placed before the council tomorrow will be a report by Eric Drummond, secretary-general of the League of Nations, calling the council's attention to the Mosul dispute.

LAUSANNE, Jan. 28.—So far apart have the Turks and the Allies drifted that Lausanne is confronted tonight with the probability that the League of Nations will reach any agreement. Such, at least, is the view voiced by practically all the delegations.

With their traditional tenacity, the British are clinging to the hope that the Turks will sign, but in this they stand alone. Ambassador Child, by conferring with Ismet Pasha and Lord Curzon, is contributing his bit to saving the conference from collapse.

The French Premier has acted in an uncertain manner in this new crisis which threatens Europe; and he has telegraphed to Mustafa Kemal Pasha at Ankara earnestly requesting moderation in the interest of Turkey and for the good of all Europe.

Working on the assumption that at least temporary adjustment is in prospect, the delegates already are laying plans to prevent what the world might call a rupture of the conference. If France is beset with the Ruhr question, Italy, like France, wants no more war in the Near East.

Marquis Di Garroni, head of the Italian delegation, spent today afternoon frantically seeking to prevent new complications and to induce Turkey and England to come to an agreement—for this long struggle at Lausanne is causing a big setback to Turkey and England. Ismet Pasha said tonight that he wanted a peace, but his people demand an honorable peace which will recognize and satisfy the sovereign rights of Turkey.

FOUNDERS DAY AT HAMPTON CELEBRATED

HAMPTON, Va., Jan. 28.—Annual founders day was celebrated at Hampton Normal Institute today. Dr. Samuel A. Elliot, of Cambridge, Mass., was the principal speaker. Among members of the board of trustees in attendance was Chief Justice of the United States, William Howard Taft.

CHAMBER WANTS THE SHIPPING SUBSIDY PASSED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Commercial organizations will begin today their drive upon Congress to urge demand for the enactment of the administration shipping bill, according to an announcement today by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. Before adjournment of the present session, it was declared, a Senate vote must be obtained to settle national policy towards the shipping industry.

Debate Will Open This Week On the Governor's Bill For Shipping Line

RALEIGH, Jan. 28.—Nearing the half-way mark, the session of the General Assembly of North Carolina, with the road bill only through the house, the tax bill yet to come, the Giles farm loan bill in the hands of a sub-committee, and the State Board of Local Legislation pouring in, faced a busy week of law-making tonight.

The week to come was expected to develop the first open debate on the floor on the State-wide ship bill which members of the Senate appropriations committee were expected to report out Tuesday. The chance for the bill passing in its present form, according to members who are throwing their full support to the measure, was said to be vague. That a compromise is certain is the consensus of legislative opinion. Amendments will doubtless be attempted, proponents say, at least in the House for the general opinion points to comparative certain passage of the measure in the Senate.

The House finance committee is waiting to receive the general tax bill. Chairman R. A. Dougherty, of the finance committee, has pressed early preparation of the bill that it might be left for the last minute rush. The bill to provide a railroad through the "lost province" is another measure which is looked forward to. The cautious planning of the Finance Committee is indicated by the bill may not come to light until early in February.

The Broughton resolution in the House for an investigation of the State tuberculosis sanatorium will be brought up tomorrow night or Tuesday, or the early appointment of the commission, which the document asks for is expected that the report might be brought in before the last minute rush.

A compromise on the bill to repeal the Cherokee County charter of the Tennessee Carolina Water Power Company, the bill to restrict the sale of drugs and medicines by others than licensed druggists, the measure to make the payment of a debt a misdemeanor and several county measures were expected to come up by Thursday.

The House almost cleared every calendar except those which carry the State-wide bill yesterday, the finance committee's report and the general tax bill. Chairman R. A. Dougherty, of the finance committee, has pressed early preparation of the bill that it might be left for the last minute rush. The bill to provide a railroad through the "lost province" is another measure which is looked forward to.

Dr. Grant Prefers Soap Box On Corner To Any Pulpit In Which Sermons Are Censored

One Dead And Two Seriously Hurt In Train-Auto Wreck

CHARLOTTE, Jan. 28.—C. M. Steele, 29, formerly of Lancaster, S. C., is believed to be fatally injured, and J. J. Sapp, of Lancaster, is seriously injured as a result of a collision between an automobile and Southern train No. 33 at West Third Street crossing here tonight.

The automobile is said to have been proceeding West on Third Street when the accident occurred and was practically demolished, the man being hurled some distance from the tracks. Mr. Steele was driving the car.

The three men were carried to the Mercy Hospital, Steele surviving only a short while after being examined. Shaver sustained a fractured skull and a broken hip, and Sapp was badly cut and bruised, and it is believed injured in the back, but not fatally.

TROOPS ARE SENT TO COLUMBUS TO PREVENT RIOTS

Negro, Held at Whiteville, Is Reported to Have Been Threatened

WILMINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Wilmington Light Infantry, a unit of the North Carolina National Guard, will leave here at 9 o'clock for Whiteville, having been ordered there by Assistant Adjutant General Gordon Smith, of Raleigh, because of the threatening attitude of citizens of Whiteville toward Bob Williams, Wilmington negro captured there last night and held for the murder of Chief of Police Bradley Cribbs, of Fair Bluff, Thursday night.

Request for the troops was made by Solicitor Woodus Kellum, of this city. The order was received for dispatching the troops about 7 o'clock and Captain R. L. McClellan, Commander, immediately issued a call for the men and arranged for a special train to take the troops to the Columbus capital.

FIVE PEOPLE ARE DEAD AS RESULT OF TRAIN COLLISION

Roanoke Girl Who Refuses Man's Wooing Is Shot—Expect Recovery. TWO ARE DEAD IN TENNESSEE TOWN

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Ruth McElwain Tucker, 20 years old, and Duncan Waller, 19, traveling in the Arr. Memphis, Ky., were found shot to death early today on a lonely road several miles east of this city. Mr. Waller's body was found seated in a car, and the bullet had entered wounds in his head. The body of Mrs. Tucker was found in the roadway about 20 steps away from the car.

So far as can be ascertained tonight, the shooting was a double definite clue as to the identity of the slayer.

Mrs. Tucker is said to be the wife of Ellis Tucker, Franklin, Tenn., and before her marriage four years ago, was a resident of Murfreesboro, Tenn. According to information obtained by the police, Tucker and his wife were separated several months ago.

Episcopal Rector Does Not Recant, but Stands by Former Statement. RECTOR CALLS FOR "PICKETERS" APPEAR AT CHURCH WITH PRINTED SIGNS—RECTOR SPEAKS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Rev. Dr. Percy Stockton Grant, under fire for alleged heretical utterances—charged in a sermon at the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Assumption, that the fight against him was inspired by capitalist interests, working under the surface, rather than by any true religious zeal to purge the church of impostors.

He indicated broadly that he intended to continue preaching his doctrine of a "humanistic" religion even if he had to exchange his pulpit for a soap box.

While making his plea for a church that could "talk to mankind everywhere" before a congregation under the church's banner, he had been packed before, nine unemployed "sandwich men" marshaled under the church's banner, the 1921 unemployment crisis—paraded in a driving snowstorm before the church's door.

At the hospital where Miss Brown is a patient it is said tonight that she is resting comfortably and it is thought she will recover.

Miss Brown's home, where the shooting occurred, is not far from the Virginia Railroad yards here. It is supposed that Balywine made his way immediately to the yard and boarded an outgoing train. Freight runs to Princeton are comparatively slow and it is evident the fugitive caught a train some time ago.

Information received from a railway telegrapher at Princeton is that the officer covered Balywine with a pistol when he alighted from the train. He was coming close enough to handle him, and was then according to report that Balywine backed away, drew his own gun and shot himself.

Young Balywine, who formerly was employed here as an advertising solicitor, and who recently returned here after an absence of some weeks, called at the Brown home last night about 8 o'clock. Miss Brown refused to take to the victim except in the presence of her mother. The three conversed sometime and Balywine is said by the girl's mother to have made a proposal of marriage. This the girl rejected and told Balywine.

"Bout-Tail" Bullet Is Latest Invention Of Army Experts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Work of army experts since the war has produced a new bullet for use in rifles and machine guns which is expected to add enormously to the effectiveness of these weapons in any future conflicts.

The new bullet is known as a "bout-tail" because of a six degree taper to the tail. Exhaustive tests by the army have shown that the change in shape has given wings to the bullet, adding 1,400 yards to the maximum range attained and flattening the trajectory or arc of flight at 1,000 yards approximately 30 per cent.

Prominent Diplomats Promised Two Per Cent Interest Rate On British Debt To United States

French Take Over Railroads, While Germany's Telephone Operators In Ruhr Quit Work

COBLENZ, Jan. 28.—Two battalions of French engineers have taken over the railroads and one through train to Paris was sent out tonight. The French state they will be able to operate the railway for military purposes, but not for civilian traffic.

Over Million Gallons Of Liquor Smuggled Into U. S. Each Year From Bahamas, Rogers Charges

Massachusetts Congressman Attacks Government of the Islands. ISLANDS DESCRIBED AS AMERICA'S OASIS

Rum Runners Off Jersey Coast Have Started Up Business Again

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Liquor has been smuggled into the United States from the Bahamas Islands at the rate of 2,000,000 gallons annually, while the Government and population of the British colony, getting "relatively immense revenues from the traffic," are absolutely indisposed to sympathize with efforts to check it, according to a statement by Rogers today.

From the duties on whiskey alone, Mr. Rogers said, the islands are deriving an income three times as great as their government revenues from all sources in 1918, while the estimated profits of the rum runners are \$10,000,000.

Mr. Rogers declared the State Department reports that the islands are a "boon of fiction" in describing the mushroom growth—still continuing—of what he classed as "an established practice, with great capital and organized procedure, of running liquor into the United States into the acreen erected by prohibition enforcement agents."

Up to 1918, Mr. Rogers asserted, the annual imports of liquor from the Bahamas were 50,000 gallons, while for 1922 they amounted to 1,200,000 gallons.

The Bahamas are certainly the "oasis of the American," his statement said. "To the last quart, I am advised, the liquors are shipped to the United States. All told 2,000,000 gallons have found their way into the country, all the way from Norfolk, Philadelphia and New York and as far East as Boston."

When the smuggling first began, some vessels would fly off the port of Nassau, which was the French to abandon their campaign. Matters have gone so far now that the whole thing is as well as a friendly suggestion could command even a respectful hearing in the Bahamas.

The practice is different now that the illicit trade has been fully organized. The vessels, near by all flying British flags, will clear for the French port of St. Pierre, Miquelon, or for Tampico, Mexico. In the first instance the vessels really unload their cargoes off the Atlantic port; this was the case of the ships which kept the "dry navy" so busy beyond the three mile line off New York a week or two ago.

As a matter of fact, the ships they have cleared, but he off the American coast and are met by private yachts, which are within the limit by small but speedy American motorboats.

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 28.—Three Boy Scouts were killed and several injured in a dynamite explosion here today, according to a telephone message just received here. The troop had gone on a camping trip. It is understood, and is believed to have accidentally touched off a quantity of explosives left by stumpy blasters. The names of the victims have not yet been learned.

GREENVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 28.—Grandson of the former President of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was buried in the National cemetery yesterday afternoon. Mr. Stover was a member of the White House family during the administration of President Johnson, being the son of Mary Johnson, whom Governor Hardy married at the White House during Mrs. Johnson's illness.