

FOUR MEMBERS MAY REPRESENT UNITED STATES

Appeal of Former Service Men for Seat Denied by the President.

UNDERWOOD FAVORED Hughes and Lodge Chosen for Seats in Conference on Disarmament.

Washington, Sept. 9.—President Harding has made it known that the main American delegation to the armament conference probably will not have more than four members, and that one of the four probably will be a Democrat.

SMALL DELEGATION

The President also told Mr. Jeffers he was writing the letter "once the assumption that the main delegation will be a very small one, probably not exceeding four in membership."

LIMIT FOR GOVERNMENT.

London, Sept. 9.—Sinn Fein Ireland is called upon to state whether its demands upon the British Government contemplate separation from Great Britain.

TO SAIL IN THREE GROUPS.

Tokyo, Sept. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Japanese delegation to the forthcoming Washington conference on limitation of armaments, numbering nearly 200, now plans to sail in three groups.

SIX MEN NARROWLY ESCAPED DROWNING

Detroit, Sept. 9.—Six men, including Phelps Newberry, son of Senator Truman H. Newberry, and several prominent Detroit business men, narrowly escaped death last night when the 50-foot gasoline launch Kismet, owned by F. Walter Guldert, burned to the water's edge in Lake St. Clair.

COTTON RECOVERS SOME OF BIG LOSS

New York, Sept. 9.—Yesterday's big declines were followed by recoveries of about a cent a pound in the cotton market here today. December contracts sold up from 18.40, yesterday's low level, to 19.75 on coverings for the week-end and trade buying.

General Byrd To Be Replaced

Washington, Sept. 9.—Brigadier General H. H. Bandholtz, commandant of Federal troops in the West Virginia coal fields, will be relieved of his command September 13, plans for his release on the day having been approved by the War Department.

VALERA MAY NOT ATTEND MEETING

His "Foreign Minister" is to Head Delegation if One is Decided On.

Dublin, Sept. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—A rumor was current in Sinn Fein circles here today that, if plenipotentiaries are appointed to proceed to Inverness to confer with the committee of the British Cabinet named to deal with the Irish question, Eamon de Valera, the Republican leader, does not desire to be one of them, being willing to leave the conduct of negotiations to Arthur Griffith, the Sinn Fein foreign minister.

EXPECTS NO DELAY.

Desmond Fitzgerald, Sinn Fein minister of propaganda, said today he expected no unnecessary delay in the reply to Mr. Lloyd-George and that Robert C. Barton, the Sinn Fein courier, was in readiness to return to Inverness at any moment.

NATIONAL BANK CALL.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The Comptroller of the Currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Tuesday, September 6.

ACTUAL WORK ON TAX MEASURE IS NOW UNDER WAY

Senate Finance Committee Hears Recommendations of Secretary Mellon.

FEW CHANGES URGED.

Senator Smoot's Proposal for a Sales Tax Will Get Consideration.

SCHOOLS TO OPEN.

Raleigh Water Situation Shows Improvement in Last Few Days.

UNSETTLED

Charlotte and Vicinity: Partly cloudy, tonight and Saturday; light change in temperature. Light variable winds.

DURHAM STREET CAR COMPANY IS SEEKING A RAISE

Asks Corporation Commission to Allow Ten Cent Fare.

ADHERES TO ESTIMATES

In presenting his recommendations, the Treasury Secretary adheres to the figures on expenditures agreed upon at the White House tax conference last August 9.

ALREADY GETTING EIGHT

The Durham Public Service Company, with the exception of the jitney traction line in Concord, running from the station to the town, charges more per fare than any other company in the State.

DECREASE IN PASSENGERS

These figures show a steady growth in the number of passengers from year to year. In 1910, the total number of passengers was 1,000,000.

PROPOSALS ARE ATTACHED IN STATEMENT BY SEN. HITCHCOCK

Washington, Sept. 9.—Proposal repeal of the excess profits tax and reduction of the income surtaxes were attached today by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, in the first statement on taxes to come from the Democratic side of the Senate.

OUT OFF LOWER

Water shortage on the sheds of the Yadkin and Cape Fear rivers today forced the Carolina Power and Light Company and affiliated companies to announce a curtailment of power for fifty-eight cotton mills and other large users.

RELEASES PROPERTY SEIZED DURING WAR

Washington, Sept. 9.—Surrender of the property of two Bulgarian insurance companies, one the "Bulgaria," first Bulgarian insurance company, and the other the Balkan National Insurance Company, both of which were taken over during the war under trading-with-the-enemy act, was announced today by Alien Property Custodian Miller.

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SEVEN MEMBERS OF GREEK CREW WERE WOUNDED

Federal Officials Engage in Prolonged Fight on Board Greek Ship.

SECURE CONTRABAND.

Chief Narcotic Officer Takes Own Life Shortly After Leaving Ship.

New York, Sept. 9.—After a raid by Federal prohibition and narcotic agents on the Greek steamship King Alexander today, in which seven members of the crew were wounded by pistol shots, Frank J. Fitzpatrick, chief narcotic officer here, who had taken part in the raid, committed suicide at a nearby pier, according to a police report.

\$125,000 CONFISCATED

Liquor valued at \$50,000 and drugs valued at \$75,000 were confiscated. The King Alexander participated in a mid-night race to port from beyond the three mile limit on September 1, in an effort to evade the prohibition laws of the United States.

GOVERNOR REMOVES MAYOR FOR NEGLECT

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 9.—Mayor Herbert A. Theisen, of Newark, Ohio, was removed from office today by Governor Harry L. Davis on charges of gross neglect filed by the Newark Law and Order League.

RAILROAD DIRECTORS DECLARE A DIVIDEND

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 9.—Directors of the Nickel Plate Railroad yesterday declared cash dividends of \$1,774,359 from \$2,000,000 received from the Government in adjustment of all claims and accounts during Federal control. It was announced today. Payments will be made September 30 to stockholders of record September 19.

GROCERS OPPOSING ANY MODIFICATION

Washington, Sept. 9.—Protest against proposed modification of the consent decree requiring the big five meat packers to divorce themselves from all business operations except meat packing was presented by the National Wholesale Grocers' Association at a hearing today at the Department of Justice. The Department has under consideration a proposal that legal action be taken to modify the decree so as to permit the packers to continue the transportation of canned goods from the Pacific Coast.

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