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PRESIDENT URGES SENATE TO STOP IT

In Letter to Senator Lodge Mr. Harding Declares Borah Conference Proposal Would be Harmful—Mr. Borah Grins and Takes Notes—Fight on Amendment is Resumed.

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 28.—President Harding asked the senate today not to adopt Senator Borah's proposal for a new international conference, saying in a letter to Senator Lodge, Republican leader, that formal congressional action on the subject now would embarrass him in negotiations he already is conducting looking to such a conference.

The president's letter was sent to Senator Lodge during the second day's debate on the Borah proposal for an international conference on armaments and economic questions.

The president acted directly to stop senate action after he had conferred with Secretary Hughes and after Senator Lodge had visited the white house and reported the progress made on the determined fight against the Borah amendment by administration senators.

The letter stated that while the president might properly "advise" in regard to international relations, its action on the Borah plan might give "wrong impressions" to European powers.

In the administration, the president said was trying to be helpful in the European situation, which had been studied "most throughly and throughtful consideration for many months."

As to the further armament limitation also provided for in the Borah plan, President Harding warned against what might be "a gesture of promise to the world which cannot be fulfilled until the nations directly concerned express their readiness to negotiate to such an end."

Without disclosing details of what he is doing, the president suggested that congress might be helpful by strengthening the hands of the allied debt commission. He also declared that reparations was the foundation of European difficulties and that this nation could not assume to say to one nation that it shall pay in reparations and another what it shall accept."

Senator Borah noted on a pad of paper the high spots of the communication and smiled broadly at the press. The declaration that the proposed amendment would give the impression that the executive department was fully alive to the world situation and that congress could facilitate the work of the debt commission by freeing the hands of that body."

Senator McNairy, Republican of Indiana, gained the floor after the letter had been read and began an address in behalf of the Borah proposal, which he championed as a measure to aid the American farmer by restoring Europe and increasing American purchases of American agricultural products.

BIG FUND RAISED

By the Associated Press.
Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 82.—Approximately $330,000 already has been pledged to the $600,000 building and endowment fund for Davidson college, Malcolm Lockhart, director of the campaign, announced here today.

STEAL AUTOMOBILE

Somebody entered A. C. Kelley's garage Eighth avenue last night, stolen his roadster out of the garage in the rear, and drove it off. The police have no clue.

LODGE IS CALLED TO SEE MR. HARDING

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 28.—Chairman Lodge of the senate foreign relations committee, who yesterday opened an attack for administration senators on Senator Borah's proposed economic and disarmament conference, was summoned to the white house today and after a talk with President Harding indicated that the president probably would send a letter to the capitol during the day outlining his attitude toward the conference plan.

As he left the white house, the senator declined to say anything further on his statement yesterday that the president was already negotiating to bring about another international conference.

It was believed however, that what the administration was doing would be contained in the letter to the senate.

URGES EXPANSION RURAL SOCIOLOGY

Chicago, Dec. 28.—An expansion in the teaching of rural sociology in colleges is needed because of the influence rural ideals have upon the urban and national life, declared Paul L. Vogt of Philadelphia speaking here today at the annual meeting of the American Sociological society.

"Rural life today presents a field almost untouched so far as the possibilities of discovery of new truth is concerned," he stated. "The eacher who can settle a problem in his own mind can hope to discover truths in this field that will make a permanent contribution to human welfore.

"In the study of sociology a student will obtain greater ability to see the factors in community organization, to note the tendancies of the forces operating for the strength or weakness of community life. It is an accepted educational principle that true growth in knowledge prosedes from the known to the unkonwn. This being true we have a very important reason for the study of rural sociology.

"The students in many of our colleges and universities come from rural communities. By utilizing and analyzing his own experiences he presents an opportunity for the teacher in rural sociology, who can bring to him a realization of the complexities of the life which he has been leading."

SENATE REJOICES IN WILSON'S HEALTH

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 28.—Without debate and a chorus of ayes on the Democratic side and silence from most of the senators on the Republican side, the senate today adopted a resolution adopted by Senator Harris, Democrat of Georgia, expressing the joy and pleasure of the senate on his return to active health.

URGES STATE LAW AGAINST KU KLUXMEN

Madison, N. C., Dec. 28.—Announcement that he would support legislation to make a person appearing off his premises disguised so as to destroy identity guilty of a misdemeanor; to provide aid for the family of an officer killed while lawfully discharging his duties, and to establish uniform traffic laws in the state was made to the Associated Press today by Senator Junius C. Brown, of the seventeenth district.

"I have never read the bill which Senator Baggett proposes to introduce with regard to the ku klux klan, but I see no reason why a person found off his premises disguised so as to destroy identity should be declared guilty of a felony, which I understand is proposed in the Bagget measure. I would support a bill making such an offense a misdemeanor. I will present a measure, or an amendment to Senator Baggett's bill, making the offense a misdemeanor rather than a felony.

"It is my purpose to introduce and support a bill providing aid to the family of an officer who is killed while lawfully engaged in the execution of the laws of the state in instances where the family is without means. I see no reason why the state should not render aid to the widow and children of men who are slain while lawfully engaged in the enforcement of the laws of the state.

"I believe that the traffic laws of this and adjouining state should be made uniform in order that owners of motor vehicles may better understand them; that all vehicles operating upon the highways at night should be provided with lights. If it can be worked out, and I think it can be, I favor requiring the purchaser of a second hand car to obtain a certificate showing the important facts concerning it, which information could be used in the apprehension of thieves.

"It is my belief that all cities and towns should have the same regulations with regard to the operation of motor vehicles in order to avoid confusion on the part of drivers. If this were don,e no city in the state would have regulations and laws with which non-residents would not be familiar. I shall introduce and support legislation designed to place these suggestions into effort.

"I believe the criminal and civil dockets of our courts should be relieved," he continued. "I shall support, and if necessary introduce a bill increasing the number of terms of court for the trial of criminal cases so that no person accused of crime would have to wait longer than twelve weeks for trial. The civil courts should be sufficient in each district to enable a man to get a trial within six months, with civil and criminal work divided amoung the judges as far as possible."

LAWYER TO TALK GAME PRESERVATION

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 28.—A movement to substitute a state-wide game and fish law in North Carolina for the present system by which the individual counties control hunting and fishing will be inaugurated at a dinner here tonight, to which sportsmen from all sections of the state have been invited.

Plans for fish and game conservation also will be discussed, and George A. Lawyer, chief game warden of the United States department of agriculture, has accepted an invitation to address the meeting and describe how this is accomplished in other states. Mr. Lawyer will be introduced by Governor Cameron Morrison, who also will deliver an address.

H. H. Brimley, curator of the state museum at Raleigh and president of one of the largest hunting clubs of the state, is slated as another speaker. John M. Morehead of Charlotte, formerly congressman from the fifth district, and numbers of other sportsmen from this section have taken an active part in plans for the conference.

Preliminary arrangements call for formation of an association, the representatives of which will go before the general assembly in January to urge enactment of a uniform state game and fish law, which would provide for charging hunters and fishermen a nominal license fee. The funds fro this would be used to maintain the law and to provide eventually for state game preserves and fish hatcheries.

North Carolina is one of the few state which has not alread, adopted state-wide laws on hunting, promoters of the movement stated tonight, and with the hunting season opening at different times in various counties much confusion has been caused among sportsmen.

Local and nearby sportsmen have subscribed funds for the dinner, which is to be held at 7:30 o'clock at the chamber of commerce. More than 500 invitations have been mailed, according to Bailey Groome, sporting editor of the Charlotte Observer, who is in charge of reservations.

Reports indicate that the Lausanne conference is threatened with disruption. In its store of disrupted conferences, Europe is rapidly accumulating a picturesque addition to its ruins.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

BIG FIRE BURNS WHOLESALE STORE

By the Associated Press.
Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 82.—The building occupied by the Thomas and Howard Company, wholesale grocers, was destroyed with its contents early today by fire of unknown origin. The fire loss, which was partically covered by insurance, was estimated as high as $100,000.

AMERICA JOINS OTHER ALLIES TODAY

By the Associated Press.
Lausanne, Dec. 28.—Washburn Child, chief American spokesmen, joined with the heads of the allied delegations at today's meeting of the capitualyions commission of the near east conference in declaring that some guarantees must be given by Turkey to replace the extratorial rights for foreigners, which the Kemalists have declared abolished.

VIOLATIONS OF CHIL DLABOR LAW

By the Associated Press.
Charlotte, N. C., Dec 28.—Warrants charging violation of the state child labor law had been sworn out by M. M. Gray, county superintendent of public welfare, against the local representatives of the Postal Telegraph Company, S. Kress Company and the Belk Department stores, it was learned here today, when Mr. Bishop, manager of the local Kress store was brought into police court for hearing.

Mr. Bishop admitted havjng employed two girls during the rush of the holiday trade without seeing to it, as required by law that they had age certificates. J. Lawrence Jones, counsel for the welfare league, stated that Mr. Bishop had cooperated with the superintendent and that in this instance the suit would not be pressed.

The Belk Brothers case was set for Friday, December 29, and that of the Postal for January 8.

Many recent violations of the child labor law in Charlotte had caused renewed activity on the part of Superintendent Gray, it was stated.

WILSON TO RECEIVE NUMBER VISITORS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 28.—Former President Wilson, planning a quiet observance of the occasion at his street home, was receiving congratulations today on his 66th birthday. The only scheduled event of the day for former president was a visit from a delegation of the Woodrow Wilson foundation at 3 o'clock to extend birthday greetings and to inform him to the progress made by the foundation in raising the $1,000,000 fund in perpetuating the ideals enunciatde by him while president.

It was announced at a meeting of the foundation's board of trustees in New York yesterday the $800,000 of the amount had been contributed, with $100,000 on the way.

ANOTHER FINE DAY FOR THIS SECTION

There was a change in the weather early this morning that was most agreebale to the people in this section, judging from expressions heard on the street. Yesterday, it will be recalled, was more or less rainy, and about 10 o'clock last night there was a small deluge. By midnight the rain had ceased falling temporarily and what it did after that hour has not been learned.

The day started off with many clouds, but soon the sun pushed through and warmed things up, dried off the streets and sidewalks and caused good feeling.

The forecast is for fair and colder weather tomorrow.

SUCH IS MAN

When he is born his mother gets the attention; at his marriage the bride gets it; at the funeral the widow gets it.—The Associated Editors.

BANQUET PROVES ONE OF BEST EVER HELD

Members of Post K, T. P. A., held what many regarded as their best banquet in several years at Lenoir Hoffry last night, an unusually good spread of turkey being followed by helpful talks and lovely vocal solos. After President C. L. Mosteller had done the honors, the gavel was transferred to W. A. Self, "official toastmaster of Hickory township," who presided with his usual ability and clinched his title to this distinction. Rain prevented many members from a distance from being present, but there was a large turnout from Hickory and the speakers, among them State President J. Lester Wolfe of Charlotte, and A. M. Byrd, also of Charlotte, chairman of the legislative committee, did their part to amuse and inform the company. Several local speakers drew genuine applause also.

Miss Elizabeth Barkley played the accompaniments for the solos and did it beautifully. Miss Barkley likewise played while the company marched into the dining room. The occasion was brightened by the presence of many of the wives of the members. The solos were given by Mrs. J. H. Shuford, Albert C. Hewitt, Jr., and Miss Virginia Allen and were heartily encored.

President Mosteller called on Rev. W. R. Bradshaw to ask the divine blessing, after which the company proceeded with an important detail of the evening. Mr. Mosteller introduced State President Wolfe, who spoke briefly on the work of the T. P. A., declaring that its mission was to help others, and complimenting Hickory on the active post here. "Post K," he said, "is knows as the post of fewer lapses of any in the state."

The toastmaster tried to get speeches out of S. S. Rowe of Conover and Hickory and S. T. Gaddy and C. D. Drum of Newton and then called on W. H. Barkley, who spoke briefly on good fellowship, decrying any spirit of knocking a competitor and urging all men to say a good word for their fellows.

Rev. C. R. W. Kegley and O. Joe Howard spoke briefly, the minister declaring that the traveling men, all well informed and lovable, had wonderful opportunities for doing good, and Mr. Howard urging more interest in the Band of Gideon, who have placed the Bible in so many hotels.

L. L. Hatfield spoke vigorously on town boosting and kindred subjects and laid down five points for his fellows. "Be considerate one for another; be your own credit man; be optimistic, be a worker, and be a booster for your town." Citizens of a community

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ROTARIANS HEAR REPORTS IN BOXES

Rotarians at their weekly luncheon this afternoon heard individual reports on the 32 Christmas boxes distributed among the white and colored poor last Sunday evening, together with a special box for the county home. Among the visitors today was Oscar Bumgarner, a Rotarian of Tulsa, Okla. Sincere appreciation was shown in each instance for the Christmas cheer, the total cost of which was $180.

Sam H. Farabee was to be in charge of the program, but owing to the time consumed in making reports on the Christmas donations he did not have an opportunity to make his set speech. He had intended to urge general interest in high school athletics, with a view to getting the business men of Hickory behind the young people, and assisting them in many ways to put athletics here on a solid basis.

Rack W. Carver, superintendent of schools, was retained as principal speaker and outlined the necessary things to be done to show the proper interest in boys and girls. Nothing like good athletics will bind children closer to their school, he said, and he gave several timely illustrations. A gymnasium in which all the children could receive physical training was a primary need, Mr. Carver said.

Next Thursday's meeting will be held at 7:30 at night, with George Wootten in charge of the program and the directors of the Kiwanis club and the Chamber of Commerce as guests.

COTTON

By the Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 28.—Yesterday's advances were followed by reactions in the cotton market during today's early trading. Liverpool was relatively easy and there was realizing here with first prices four to 13 points lower. Offerings were well enough taken by the trade to give the market a steady undertone and prices held firm.

	Open	Close
December	26.52	26.47
January	26.72	26.69
March	26.80	2669
May	26.53	26.43
July	24.68	24.66

Mr. de Valera was not caught at church last Sunday. The same might be said of many others.—New York Evening Post.

SEVERAL SUSPECTS HELD IN COLUMBUS

Police in Georgia Town Begin to Make Arrest of Alleged Bad Men Who Had Planned to Destroy Homes and Buildings Belonging to City Commissioners—Twelve Involved.

By the Associated Press.
Columbus, Ga., Dec. 28.—The Muscogee county grand jury was called in extraordinary session here today to investigate the alleged bomb plot unearthed here yesterday which caused the police to place guards around the homes of the five city commissioners, an apartment house and a large factory.

The police reported early today that there was no visible move made by the alleged plotters last night.

The police continued today to round up suspects and were ready to present to the grand jury evidence which they said was conclusive.

Marshall Morton, a city commissioner, in a statement made public last night claimed that the alleged plotters planned to make their first attack early this morning. He said he based his statement on what har occured at a secret meeting in a cemetery, Tuesday night.

In his statement he intimated that the authorities had the name of every man who attended the meeting, although it was supposed to have been veiled in the deepest secrecy. Another meeting was planned for last night, but was prevented.

The police say there are 12 men involved in the alleged plot, which includes members of the Columbus police department, malcontents, criminals and one or two persons from Alabama towns across the river.

At a meeting of citizens called yesterday afternoon, it was stated by the authorities that the plot was for the party to divide, each group going in automobiles, carrying a quantity of TNT and at the appointed moment use the explosives on residences and property simultaneously, so that the explosions would occur at the same time.

The places to be destroyed, according to Mr. Morton, the following places were marked for destruction:

Residence of J. Homer Dimon, city commissioner and mayor.

Residence of Miss Ann Griffin, city commissioner.

Residence of Reuben Kyle, city commissioner.

Residence of Marshall Morton, city commissioner.

Residence of R. E. Dismukes, city commissioner.

Plant of the National Show Case Company of which Mayor Dimon is president.

Dimon court apartment owned in part by Mayor Dimon.

Resolutions were adopted at the citizen's meeting to back the city commissioners in any step they may take to enforce the law and to protect life and property. Citizens volunteered their services in "ridding Columbus of this band of outlaws."

AIDING JUNIORS IN THEIR BIG CAMPAIGN

While the local Juniors can do little but mark time pending the meeting of the national council in Washington in February, they are leaving nothing undone to organize Hickory thoroughly for a campaign to land the proposed branch of the national orphanage that it is hoped will be located in North Carolina. The Juniors appeared before city council at its regular meeting and the board voted to cooperate with them as a body. The Kiwanis and Rotary clubs already have appointed committees to assist.

About 200 letters have gone out from the Hickory lodge to various lodges and officials in the state acquainting them with the intentions of Piedmont council.

The response here has been unanimous. Everybody is interested and everybody will pull vigouously, it is assured.

CHECKER ARTISTS READY FOR FRAY

Hickory's checker artists are planning to attend the tournament to be held Friday night at the Buttersup Tea room under the auspices of the Business and Professional Women's club and it is expected that some of the best players in this city and section will be on hand. Uncle Jeff Bolch, one of the old hands at the game, hopes to be present. He was ailing a bit today, but hoped to be able to take on F. O. Davis, who is a top-notcher. It is generally conceded that Dr. R. H. Rowe, Uncle Jeff and Mr. Davis are the best in town, though Mike Whitener may not agree.

The tournament will be open to all comers and it is expected that a large number of players and a larger company of onlookers will be on hand. Mr. Whitener, J. A. Lang and J. W. Hoke have wanted to know why the Record did not say anything about its entrant, but there has been little to say. He says he is willing to take on Mike first, then Brother E. F. Hendley later Mr. Hoke and if he comes through to tackle Mr. Lang, who, checkerly speaking, is a tuff nut.

It has not been announced how the proceedings will begin, but it is intimated that the players will be matched in the order to furnish most diversion for the spectators.

MAKE NO PROGRESS AT TODAY'S SESSION

By the Associated Press.
Lausanne, Dec. 28.—The meeting of the commission on capitulations of the near east conference failed to make progress at today's session. Some of the allied delegates on leaving the hall said the conference had reached a deadlock pending arrival of the new Turkish instructions from Angora.

REAL SIZE OF THE ARMY

Current History Magazine.

On paper Congress has limited the army to 125,000 men. But this limitation fails to take into account the military axiom that five men behind the line are rquired to get one soldier into battle. The overhead of an army in modern times is tremendous. Deducting this overhead leaves a mobile force of not more than 25,000 infantry, cavalry, and field artillery. Of this force 5,000 are in the Philippine islands. In Porto Rico there are two reduced-strength regiments of infantry. In Germany there is a skeleton force of less than 1,000 men. In Hawaii there are aboue 3,000 men, and in Alaska, only 75 miles from Siberia, where large Japanese armies were until recently in control, we have one lost battalion of infantry—about 300 strong. So far as the United States itself is concerned the regular army has practically vanished.

Another reason for the bee's success is that he doesn't spend much time listening to the oratory of the bullfrogs.—Dallas News.

British Mediterranean Fleet Ordered From Malta to Near East

By the Associated Press.
Malta, Dec. 28.—As a result of unfavorable news from Lausanne, it is understood that the ships of the British Mediterranean fleet which arrived here on December 23 for a three days' visit have received orders to proceed to the near east.

Naval authorities were reticent today but it was believed that Admiral Hall, commander in chief of the Mediterranean fleet, was prepared to sail this afternoon with all available ships.

The near east conference was faced with a serious crisis today as the Turkish and apparently irreconcilable conflict between the English and the Turks over the Mosul oil fields reached a decisive stage. Lord Curzon's statement that the "turning point of the conference has come" and that England would decline to continue the Mosul controversy was in direct conflict with Ismet Pasha's note asserting that the Turkish people had decided "to employ to the last limit of its forces all means to attain the return of Mosul to the motherland."

Between these two extremes there is a gulf which seems likely to be difficult if not impossible for the conference to bridge.

Dr. McKoin Loses In Fight for Release on Habeas Corpus Writ

By the Associated Press.
Baltimore, Md., Dec. 28.—Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., today lost his fight for immediate release on habeas corpus proceedings. He was remanded without prejudice to give the Louisiana officials opportunity to present their case.

Dr. McKoin was arrested here Tuesday at the request of Governor Parker of Louisiana in connection with the Mer Rouge kidnappings and murders.

Three judges of the Baltimore supreme bench sitting in city court denied Dr. McKoin the right to bail.

Dispatch from Attorney General Coco of Louisiana to State's Attorney Leach stated that Dr. McKoin has been formally charged with the murders of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards. The dispatch added that a deputy sheriff was on his way to Baltimore with requisition papers.