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FRANKLIN K. LANE, ONE OF WILSON'S CABINET MEMBERS, DIED TODAY

Former Secretary of the Interior Dies at Rochester Following Serious Operation—Was Native of Canada and But For That Considered Presidential Timber.

(By The Associated Press.) ROCHESTER, Minn., May 18.—Franklin K. Lane, former secretary of interior, died at a local hospital here early this morning. Death was due to an attack of angina pectoris.

Mr. Lane was operated on here May 6 for gallstones and appendicitis and was said to be recovering when heart disease from which he had suffered from time to time during the past eight months developed. Hospital physicians expressed the belief that the operation would remove the heart affection but an attack early today developed fatally.

Immediately after he had recovered from the influence of the anesthetic, Mr. Lane said: "I am surprised to be alive. I hope to be able to live a long life doing good things forever."

Mr. Lane left no estate. Following his resignation from the Wilson cabinet, Mr. Lane sought to recover his health and came here in January of this year. He was advised to spend the winter in a warmer climate and visited in California, returning early this month. His condition was favorable for an operation and continued improvement was noted until the heart attack was developed this morning.

Mrs. Lane and George W. Lane, a brother, were shortly to the former secretary's bedside early before 5 a. m. today and were with him when he died. Last night it was thought that Mr. Lane was much improved. His brother spent several hours with him and when he left Mr. Lane said: "See you in the morning."

Although Mr. Lane said, following the operation, that he was "surprised to be alive," his improvement had been so marked that his death was unexpected. His son, Franklin K. Lane, and his daughter, Mrs. Philip Kauffman, of Washington, were at their homes when their father died, as was his sister, Mrs. M. A. Anderson, of Oakland, Calif.

George W. Lane said this morning that his brother left "no estate what soever."

Mr. Lane's body will be taken to Chicago tonight, accompanied by his brother and his widow.

It was often said of Franklin K. Lane that if he had been born in the United States instead of Canada, he would have been presidential timber. After serving seven years in President Wilson's cabinet as Secretary of the Interior, he resigned his \$12,000-a-year post in expense Washington early in 1920 "in justice to his family" to become vice president and legal adviser of the Mexican petroleum companies controlled by Edward L. Doheny.

Born near Charlotte, Prince Edward Island, July 15, 1861, the son of a Canadian doctor who removed to California during the boy's childhood, young Lane was educated at the University of California, from which he was graduated in 1886. By reason of his scholastic achievements the honorary degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him some years later by his alma mater and by New York and Brown Universities and the University of North Carolina.

Upon leaving college he engaged in newspaper work, becoming first owner and editor of the Tacoma, Wash., Daily News. In 1889 he was admitted to the bar of California and from 1897 until 1902 served as corporation counsel of San Francisco. In the latter year he was the Democratic candidate for governor of California, but was not elected. He received the party vote of the State legislature in 1902 for United States senator. Appointed a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission by President Roosevelt in 1905, later becoming chairman, Mr. Lane was serving in that capacity when he was made Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Lane married in 1895 Miss Anne Mintermute, of Tacoma, Wash. Two children were born to them, Mrs. Nancy Lane Kauffman, of Washington, and Lieutenant Franklin K. Lane, Jr., U. S. A., of Los Angeles, Cal.

MME. CURIE, DISCOVERER OF RADIUM, HERE TO RECEIVE FROM WOMEN OF U. S. \$100,000 OF PRECIOUS METAL



Wage Cuts Will Extend To All Classes Railroad Employees

General Effect of Decision Will Be to Retard Track Work Says S. M. Felton, President of the Chicago Great Western.

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, May 18.—A general reduction of wages for unskilled railroad employees effective July 1, which was first proposed by the railroad labor board in an announcement last night, will be made the basis of reductions extending to all classes of railroad employees, it was announced today.

Although only the Chicago Great Western, the Chicago & Alton and a few other carriers have requested that the wage reductions be extended to all classes, provision was made by the board in its announcement for the filing of other petitions up to June 9 and it was believed that the 180 class A roads would amend their applications to include shop train service and other classes of employees. The new applications filed up to June 6, the board's announcement said, would be deemed to take effect also on July 1.

The wage decision, it was announced, will cover applications filed prior to April 15, and those filed since will be decided June 6, at which time July 1 will be the effective date.

Nearly half of the 180 class A roads in the country had their petitions in time to have them docketed before April 15, but only a few reported that the wage decreases apply to all classes.

No limitation was given by the board's announcement as to the probable extent of the cuts. Last July the board increased wages of unskilled labor and some other classes nearly 50 per cent, making it retroactive to May 1, 1920.

"The general effect of the decision will be to retard track work," said S. M. Felton, president of the Chicago Great Western. Railroad executives said track maintenance and repair work had been kept at skeleton strength hoping for a wage cut effective April 1.

Disappointment was expressed that the cut was to be delayed until July 1, a day that time, it was said, the heaviest part of track rehabilitation work is generally completed.

The decision had daily affected approximately 2,000,000 men and women, increasing totaling nearly 200,000,000 a year. The average raise then was 20 per cent. The normal number of unskilled employees on class A roads, railroad executives said, was 500,000, but in anticipation of a wage cut, the number of maintenance employees has been kept considerably below that figure.

BUSINESS MEN BELIEVE CITY MUST HAVE SYSTEM OF PUBLIC PARKS

Parks and Playgrounds Committees of Business Men's Organizations Inaugurate Definite Movement—May be Made Community Centers—Ball Set to Rolling in Earnest.

That the agitation which has been carried on intermittently for the past several years for a system of parks and playgrounds for the city of Gastonia has developed a constantly growing sentiment that has reached a point where tangible results are seen to be within reach, was evidenced last night at a meeting of business men of the city at the Country Club when the entire evening was devoted to a practical discussion of the whole subject.

President J. H. Separk of the Gastonia Rotary Club, President R. G. Rankin of the Gastonia Kiwanis Club and Mr. J. H. Kennedy were hosts and their guests were the members of the parks and playgrounds committees of these clubs and of the Chamber of Commerce, the mayor of the city, Mr. R. G. Cherry, and a representative of the press.

A splendid dinner was served by Manager Birch of the Country Club at 7:30 and the meeting continued until nearly 11 o'clock, when this group of men dispersed carrying with them an enthusiasm on this subject which will undoubtedly soon show itself in action.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. J. C. Armstrong, D. M. Jones, M. A. Carpenter and S. N. Boyce, comprising the Kiwanis committee; Messrs. J. H. Kennedy, J. L. Gray, H. E. White, J. White Ware and A. G. Myers, constituting the Rotary committee; Messrs. W. T. Rankin, A. M. Dixon and B. H. Parker, constituting the Chamber of Commerce committee; Mayor Cherry and J. W. Atkins, representing The Gazette. Mr. W. T. Rankin acted as toastmaster and chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Kennedy opened the discussion by stating to the gathering why the meeting had been called. He also outlined briefly some of the things he had in mind for a long time as to Gastonia's need of parks and playgrounds, his ideas as to how a system of parks and playgrounds might be obtained and how these parks could be made community centers where public libraries, Y. M. C. A., and Y. W. C. A., could be established and where ample provision could be made for the outdoor life especially for the young people of the town.

Every man present was an enthusiast on the subject and each expressed his own views heartily in favor of the project. It was the consensus of opinion that the time was ripe for taking the parks and playgrounds subject up in earnest.

Before the close of the meeting committees were appointed, with Mr. W. T. Rankin as chairman, ex-officio of all of them, to look into the availability of property for possible park sites in the central section of the city, in East Gastonia and in West Gastonia.

BRITISH CAPTAIN SHOWS POLISH INSURGENTS HOW THE WAR WAS WON BEUTHEN, MAY 18.—Colonel Cockerill, British control officer, lectured, disarmed and sent home 15 Polish insurgents who halted him at 3 o'clock in the morning and attempted to examine his papers and give him orders.

The colonel jumped out of his automobile and shouted: "what are you boys doing out at this time with guns? Give me your names." The insurgents, who were mostly youngsters, were nonplused. The leader finally handed over his rifle, and the colonel boxed his ears. He then made the others give up their guns and advised them all to go home. Loading their 15 rifles into the machine he proceeded to British headquarters.

The colonel's chauffeur, a Prussian soldier, said afterwards: "I have been through four years of war, but that was the nerviest thing I ever saw."

CENTRAL WEST PUBLISHERS OPPOSE 44-HOUR WEEK

CHICAGO, May 18.—Two hundred and sixty-three newspaper publishers of the central west, as represented by the Inland Daily Press Association, at a semi-annual meeting today, adopted a resolution endorsing the zone postage rate which four years ago they vigorously opposed. Opposition to the 44-hour weekly schedule for the printing trades, as affects the publisher, also was voiced.

EXPRESS WAGON ROBBED.

CHICAGO, May 18.—Six robbers late last night held up an American Railway Express wagon, shot one of the guards, kidnapped two others, and escaped with a small safe supposed to contain a valuable shipment of jewelry consigned to Minneapolis or St. Paul. The robbery took place only a few blocks from the railroad station. It was stated one of the guards had been assigned to accompany the safe on the train to its destination.

GASTONIA CITIZENS COVER TRIP OF 120 MILES BOOSTING SALES DAY

News of Great May Special Sale Is Carried Into Four Counties, Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland and York—Indications Are That Enormous Crowds Will Come to Gastonia For Event.

Enthusiastic, despite being fatigued and dusty, forty-eight Gastonia citizens returned Tuesday night from a trip of over one hundred and twenty miles spreading the news of the great May Sale to be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday by the Department of Mercantile Affairs of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce. It was an eventful day and the exhaustive and with inevitable respect for every good visitor. The message of Gastonia was carried into four counties.

Director W. L. Haynes, of the department, with Chief of Police J. E. Orr as retainer, headed the party. The schedule was rigidly adhered to through the day and despite the fact that the party was twenty minutes late in starting it arrived home in four hours of time. Concerts were rendered at every stop by the Gastonia band, the members of the band for the second time thus evening their loyalty to their city. The concerts were greatly appreciated by the crowds gathering at every point.

Routes were first to Log Hill, Craighurst, M. Alexander, DeLoach, Mount Holly, Stanley, Dills, High Shoals, Lincolnton, Union, Cherryville, Bessemer Falls, Kings Mountain, Clover and Bowling Green were visited in turn.

The only untoward incident occurred on the road between Mount Holly and Stanley Creek, but had no ill result, through the splendid presence of mind displayed by Leonard Curry. One of the party in the lead stopped by the side of the road around a sharp curve to repair a puncture. Another car stopped along side to see what was the matter, thus blocking the road. Mr. Curry came around the curve at the rate of speed being followed by the cavalcade and was on the two cars before he could stop. To avoid crashing into either he had to leave the road. There was a deep gully at that point, but by his quick grasp of the situation he skirted the rim and kept clear on all four wheels. With the help of members of the party he had his car back on the road in a moment, none the worse for the incident.

People all over the territory visited are interested in the sale and are coming to Gastonia. Many spoke of the values received on Dollar Day and stated that they are coming at least once during the three days.

GERMAN OPPOSITION TAKES FORM OF A BLOCKADE

(By The Associated Press.) LONDON, May 18.—German opposition to the Polish insurgents who have occupied most of upper Silesia appears to have taken the form of an economic blockade.

Men employed by German railroads have refused to transport food supplies other than those into the district where the Poles have control, and the railroads have decided to send into Silesia the minimum necessary for work done by the Poles. Berlin therefore apparently indicates plans on the part of the economic blockade hunger as an ally against Poland's forces.

Preparation for the meeting of the Supreme Allied Council, possibly early next week, are going forward and an announcement that the council will hold a general session might mean the formation of a decision on the application of Upper Silesia between the Germans and Poles. It is known the Allied commission in Silesia will work up a report to be laid before the council, and the recommendations of the Council of Ambassadors relative to the new frontier line between Germany and Poland in the district in question have been in the hands of the Allies for some time.

There also has been debate on Silesia and the reparations question will begin in the French chamber of deputies. Thursday, after Premier Briand makes an address outlining his view of the Polish situation in Silesia, and after the announcement of the Poles made by Premier Lloyd George. Last Friday before the house of commons. It is believed M. Briand will receive a vote of confidence following the debate.

NIGHT WAS QUIET IN TUG RIVER VALLEY

(By The Associated Press.) WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 18.—The few reports received here from the upper Tug river valley early today indicated the night had been quiet. The opposing factions in the industrial disturbances of the past week gave no indication that they were still on guard. Kentucky guardsmen as well as the West Virginia state police continued to hold their positions. It was expected that state and county authorities would continue to patrol the district with the small forces at their disposal.

Great Britain Can Not See The Treaty Trampled Upon, Says Lloyd George

Reiterates Attitude of British Toward Situation in Silesia—Declares Allies Must Stand Together During Coming Years.

SECRETARY ALLEN IS BACK FROM COMMERCIAL SECRETARIES' ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Jacksonville and St. Augustine Was Particularly Enjoyable and Profitable.

Secretary Fred M. Allen, of the Chamber of Commerce, has returned from Jacksonville, where he attended the Southern Commercial Secretaries' Association. There were more than one hundred delegates in attendance.

Mr. Allen occupied a place on the program. The program from start to finish was full of interest, excellent addresses and papers by secretaries who have made good in the profession were very much enjoyed, but the question box conducted by Calvin B. Brown, of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, was one of the chief features of the convention.

Delightful lunches, banquets, boat ride down the famous St. John's river, then party, automobile ride with informal reception at country clubs were sandwiched in between the regular business sessions. On Saturday the visitors were taken in automobiles to St. Augustine, a distance of 42 miles, where they were the guests of the St. Augustine Chamber of Commerce at an elegant repast at St. Augustine beach, and afterwards were given a ride over the historic old city.

Nashville, Tenn., was chosen as the next convention city, and B. R. Kessler, secretary of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce was elected president.

Mr. Allen reports that this session of the association was the most profitable held in years. Mr. Allen's visit to Jacksonville and St. Augustine was particularly pleasant for him, as he was back on his old "stamping grounds." Both Jacksonville and St. Augustine are home to him. Mr. Allen was a former newspaper man in Florida.

BERGDOLL'S COUNSEL IS HELD FOR CONTEMPT

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 18.—Harry Weinberger, of New York, counsel for Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, in court martial proceedings, was ordered before the day of the House of Representatives to pay for contempt after refusing to testify before the House investigating committee regarding fees paid him by Bergdoll's mother.

Weinberger challenged the right of the committee to investigate the escape of Bergdoll on the ground that he never had been inducted into the army. Chairman Peters brushed aside the contention, declaring it was entirely aside from the question at issue.

Asked how much money had been paid him by Mrs. Bergdoll, Weinberger refused to answer, contending it was not relevant and was privileged matter. When the witness refused to produce his books, Representative Johnson, democrat, Kentucky, moved that he be held in contempt. There was no objection.

After Weinberger's refusal to answer John H. Sherburne, counsel for the committee, asked the witness about the buried gold. Bergdoll, the witness said, told him of the buried treasure, but did not give its location. The witness refused to turn over letters written him by the late D. Clarence Gibboney, also one of Bergdoll's lawyers, and the committee again adopted a motion to call him before the House.

Mr. Sherburne made formal demand for all documents held by the witness which had a bearing on the case. "If the House tells me to answer I'll take its decision," said Weinberger. "The House will do more than rule," Mr. Johnson declared.

Four separate charges of contempt were lodged against Weinberger before Mr. Sherburne announced that there was no possibility of going further unless the committee could get his papers. "Were you counsel for Emma Goldman?" asked Representative McArthur, republican, Oregon.

"I was, if you want to know," he replied, "but I don't see where that has anything to do with this inquiry." Chairman Peters informed the lawyer that he would be formally served with a subpoena, requiring his continued presence here, pending his appearance before the House for trial on the contempt charge.

TROUBLE EXPECTED THURSDAY. (By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 18.—Quiet in the Mingo county strike region, was reported to Secretary Weeks today, by the staff officer sent by Major General George W. Read, commanding the 6th corps area, to investigate the situation. The message reiterated that federal troops were not needed at this time. "Trouble is expected on Thursday, the anniversary of McLean," said the report, "and everybody is frightened and hysterical."

BIZZY BEAR SAYS:



Cloudy in east and fair in west tonight and Thursday, no change in temperature.