

COMPLETE LEAK PROBE WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY

Wholesale Subpoenas For Witnesses to Appear Before Committee Are Issued.

LAWSON WILL BE MADE TO EXPOSE INFORMERS

Committeemen Sat Late Last Night Preparing to Make Probe as Searching as Possible—To Punish All Who Refuse to Answer Questions.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Subpoenas to appear before the House committee and give testimony with regard to the alleged leak of advance information on international affairs from Washington to Wall Street, were issued in wholesale lots tonight, following the action of the House of Representatives today, authorizing the rules committee "to go the limit" in the matter of the investigation. The committee sat late tonight going over the situation and preparing to make the probe as searching as possible.

Thomas W. Lawson was subpoenaed to appear on Monday and give his promised testimony as to his charge that a senator, a cabinet member and a banker were engaged in speculating on a joint account. The names of the speakers must be forthcoming, or under the resolution adopted today by the House, Lawson will be punished for contempt. The financier will also be compelled to give the name of the congressman who told him that a cabinet officer was a beneficiary of the leak and also the name of the cabinet member. Failure on Lawson's part to divulge the principals in these alleged dealings will result either in his citation to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, charged with a misdemeanor or in his being held before the bar of the House itself on a charge of contempt.

Lawson today notified the chairman of the rules committee that he would present himself before the committee Monday.

Subpoenas also were issued for the apprehension of R. W. McKinnon, of Chicago, whose firm it was alleged by Representative Wood, sent selling advance to its speculative customers in advance of the publication of the President's note of Dec. 18; to Bernard M. Baruch with the obligation that he produce his books and papers, another subpoena was sent. Among the other recipients of billets to appear before the committee will be McDonald, a Boston broker, to whom it is alleged Lawson told much regarding the leak; F. E. Friday, of Oshkosh, Wis., manager of a branch of the McKinnon firm, and G. H. Robinson, of Lafayette, Ind., branch manager of a Chicago brokerage house and a member of the firm of F. M. Lockwood & Co., of New York.

The telegraph companies have been instructed to produce their files of messages sent from Washington for the days of December 20 and 21, and a number of Washington newspapers have been subpoenaed. Managing Editor James Reilly, of the Wall Street Journal, will be recalled. When the House finally got down to the business of authorizing the rules committee to proceed with the leak investigation the opposition to a thorough probe had crumbled. Without even a record vote the House adopted the two resolutions, one giving the rules committee the authority to investigate fully every circumstance of the alleged leakages of confidential news and the second empowering the committee to compel witnesses to answer all questions even those bearing upon hearsay evidence. This resolution is directed against Thomas W. Lawson.

NOTED N. Y. CLUBMAN TO WED MISS BLISS.

New York, Jan. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. William Egerton Bliss announce the engagement of their sister, Miss Hazel Young Bliss, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Egerton Ames Bliss, formerly of Jersey City Heights, N. J., to Mr. Harold M. Roberts, son of Mr. Frederick E. Roberts, of Montclair, N. J.

Mr. Roberts is a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University class of 1905. He is also a member of the Yale Club, of New York, the Sachem Club, of New Haven, New York Railroad Club and New England Railroad Club. Miss Bliss makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Alexander Nichol, of No. 119 West Eighty-Eighth street. No date has been set for the wedding.

UNKNOWN NEGRO BADLY WOUNDED

Shot at Second and Bladen About 2 O'clock This Morning—At Hospital.

With a bullet wound in his back which is thought to be of a serious nature, an unknown colored man was brought to the James Walker Memorial Hospital shortly before 3 o'clock this morning, having been shot while in a brawl in the neighborhood of Second and Hanover streets, about 2 o'clock. When the wounded man arrived at the hospital in the ambulance he was in an unconscious condition and consequently his name could not be learned, nor any of the details of the shooting. Officers George Bullard notified police headquarters of the shooting and, with other officers, was at an early hour making an investigation. No details were learned. John Russell, colored, was arrested shortly after midnight by Officer T. M. Hall on a warrant charging him with shooting Jasper Simpson, colored, in the arm, at Second and Bladen streets, near the place of the above mentioned shooting at 7:30 o'clock.

EFFORT TO BAR NEGRO VOTING IS BEING REVIVED

Republicans Again Make Move to Cut Down Vote in Southern States.

EFFORT ALMOST FUTILE WITH "MULE" CONTROL.

Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, Asks Amendment to Corrupt Practices Bill.

(By George H. Manning.)

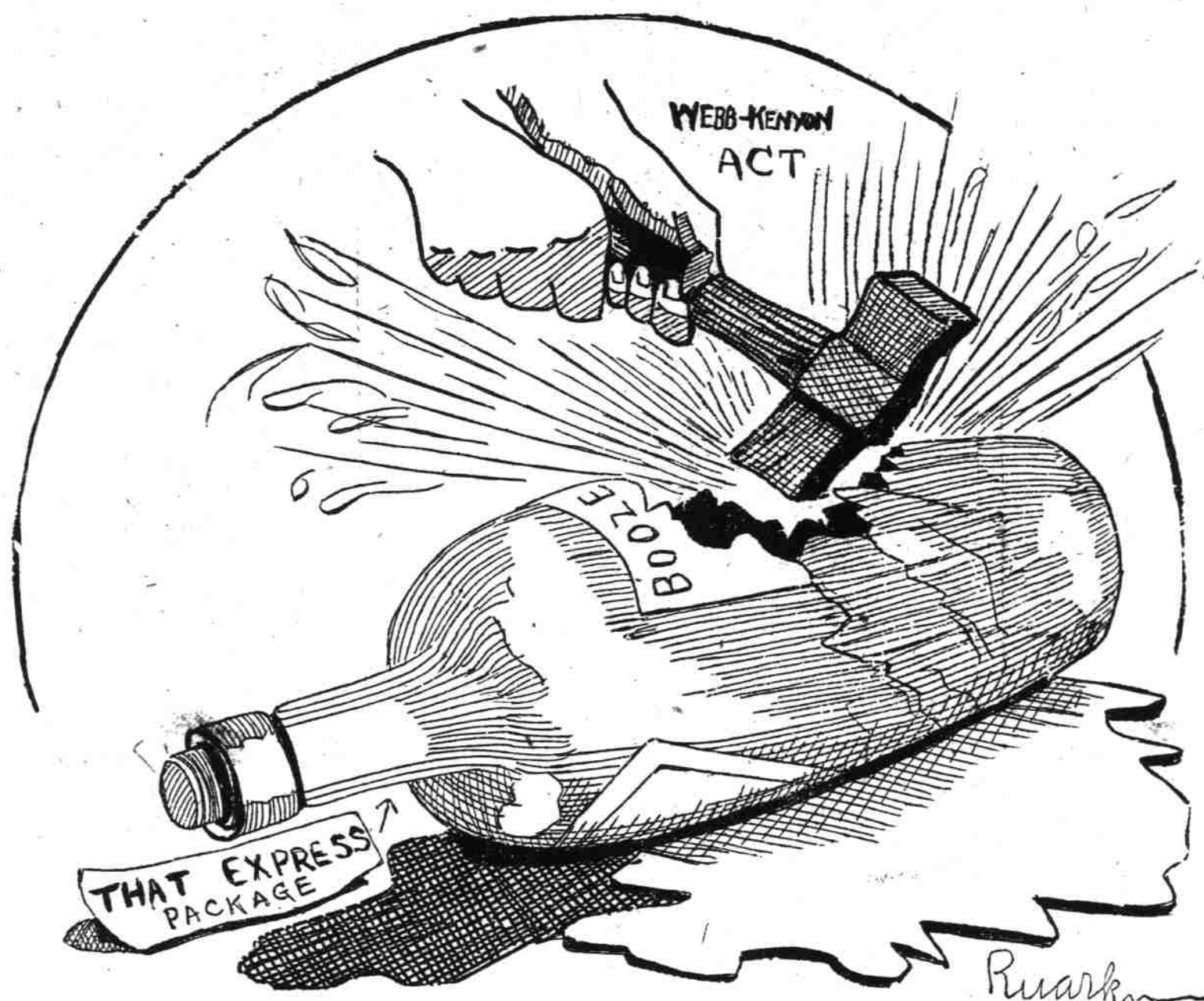
Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—The old effort of the Republicans to give the negro unrestricted right to vote or if that is evaded then to cut down the vote of the Southern States in the electoral college was revived today through an amendment proposed by Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, to the corrupt practices bill now before the Senate.

This proposition has been generally recognized for years as an attempt by the Republicans to reduce the vote of the "Solid South" in the electoral college and give National control to the Republicans.

The Gallinger amendment provides for the appointment of a joint congressional committee of five Senators and five Congressmen to make thorough inquiry into the laws governing

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Smashing Victory for the "Drys"



"You should worry, I should fret, That brand-new Law Will Get us yet."

LAST PERIOD OF CONTEST WILL START TOMORROW

Second Period and Second Diamond Ring Offer Closed Last Night—Race For The Dispatch Prizes Enters The Home Stretch.

- THE PRIZES. \$685 Overland Automobile. Ford Automobile. Carolina Beach Lot. \$100 in Gold. \$75 Victrola. \$50 O. K. Mystic Range. \$70 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet. \$25 Wrist Watch. Two \$60 Diamond Rings.

Spirited, indeed, was the close on Saturday of the second period in The Dispatch's great contest. The fight on the part of the candidates and their friends for subscriptions had grown keener, daily, as the end of the period approached. The height of intensity was reached when the hour of nine sounded and the second period was definitely and finally ended.

Determined to secure a larger volume of new business during the second period than any opponent and thus win the second Diamond Ring Special Prize, the contestant exerted every effort up to the final hour of closing to bring their returns up to winning proportions. While the Diamond Ring was offered for new business alone, the reduction in the voting schedule applied both to old and new subscriptions and consequently, all business that could be secured, whether new or old, was turned in by the various contestants.

The second period Special Prize will be awarded in the same manner as the Diamond Ring offered in the first period. The question of the winner of each of the rings will remain the secret of the records until the night of final canvass, when the records will be gone over by the committee of judges and the winners of all prizes, including the two automobiles, will be announced. This committee will be made up of men of Wilmington or vicinity whose standing is unquestioned and in whom the contestants will have every confidence.

With today the great race for the valuable prizes enters upon the "home stretch" period. In the periods which have gone before a contestant may have felt that it didn't matter much if an opponent did surpass her at the time, for she still had a full period or so in which to make up any lost ground. But now that the race has entered upon the third period there is no time left for delay—there is no period left after the present one in which to overcome any advantage a contestant has permitted an opponent to secure. Success at the end means work, steady, persistent, day after day, work right through until the final gong is sounded.

Confidence and an effective determination, these are the qualities of which winners are made. And confidence in one's self, what does it

mean? Simply a belief in one's ability to do it; and if this belief were lacking at the start it would be quickly supplied by the results accomplished and the ease with which they were accomplished by The Dispatch workers. Determination likewise, if not a natural gift, could be quickly developed by The Dispatch contestants. The natural preference for The Dispatch and the readiness of the friends with their help have supplied the encouragement needed to build up the confidence and strength. A little while in the race and she hits her stride; then nothing can stop her. No difficulty is then so great that she cannot surmount it; no obstacle so large that she cannot take her laughing way around it. She has discovered herself. She accomplishes things because she has developed the will to accomplish them. The will to do, that is the big factor. Where there's a will there's a winner. The contestant who has hesitated so far to make a real earnest campaign should give herself a chance. She should make a try at least at the work of securing subscriptions and votes. Once the try is made, and really not until then, the contestant realizes how easy it is to secure the winning vote and capture one of the valuable prizes. The prizes will repay the winners a thousand fold for their effort in the competition. This is the time when WORK spells SUCCESS.

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COL. TAYLOR TO SPEAK Series of Meetings Opens at Y. M. C. A. Today.

Col. Walker Taylor will open a series of meetings at the Boys' League of the Y. M. C. A. today which will be of unusual interest and value to boys. At each of the twelve meetings there will be a subject of vital interest to boys discussed by a strong speaker. These meetings will be short and quite unlike any other service the boys have on Sunday. Each meeting has been carefully planned, and subjects that the boys are keen to hear discussed have been selected.

The music is a feature at these meetings. During the past year the boys have had the privilege of hearing some of the best musicians in the city. They also enjoy the singing by the boys themselves. Boys enjoy doing things themselves. The Boys' League is distinctly a boys' meeting. It is of boys, for boys, and for boys. They get up the program and preside at the meetings. The following are the new officers installed last Sunday: President, Stuart Cover; vice-president, Lenox Cooper; secretary, Calvert Hall; treasurer, Rudolph Sanders. William Powell is the vtry efficient chairman of the music committee. The meetings are held in the boys' lobby and open promptly at 5 p. m. All boys over twelve are cordially invited.

SECRET DIPLOMACY OBSERVED AS U. S. PLANS NEXT MOVE.

Diplomatic Washington Settles Down to Await Next Step of President Wilson.

MAY ADVISE GERMANY IN CONFIDENTIAL WAY

Central Powers Will Make Their Peace Terms Known If Invited By President, Says Prominent Teuton.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Negotiations for peace in Europe tonight again appeared in the deep and devious ways of secret diplomacy, as the administration planned its next move in the President's peace plans. A cloud of secrecy descended upon the White House and the State Department.

Neither from the President nor from Secretary Lansing was comment forthcoming as to the peace situation in general, or the possibilities for the immediate future. Diplomatic Washington settled down to await the outcome of the President's next move, which is generally expected to be of a confidential nature.

It was stated tonight that there would probably be a brief breathing spell at this time, while the President awaits for the belligerent nations to adjust themselves to the conditions brought about by the latest peace exchanges. It was felt that the President feels that no good can be accomplished by an aggressive move at a time when public sentiment is aroused in the countries making up both groups of belligerents. The apparent high feeling in Germany and Austria against the peace terms set forth in the entente reply to the President's peace note has convinced the administration that time for deliberate consideration of the situation is necessary.

It was accepted as practically certain here tonight that the inclination of the President and his advisers at this time is to make the next peace move a confidential suggestion to the Central Empires that they follow the example of the entente allies and make a detailed statement of their peace terms. They feel that a satisfactory reply to a request of this nature would place in the President's hands all of the powers necessary to definite mediatory action. There was little doubt tonight that the Teutonic empires would respond to such request.

"On invitation from President Wilson the Central Powers will make their peace terms known," said a prominent German diplomat tonight. "Without invitation Germany will make no move toward peace and the door is closed. The allies in their reply to the President's note have made known their 'Objects of War'—not their terms. Terms are what you get; objects are what you never get, and don't even expect."

The State Department today received the cabled text of Ambassador Gerard's speech in Berlin in which he declared that the president diplomatic

PERSHING SOON TO EVACUATE MEXICO; SAID TO BE MOVING

Quiet Tip Passed Through Official Channels to All Americans Advises Leaving.

COLUMNS ALREADY MOVE SLOWLY ON

Mexican Forces Already Completely Surround Americans, but They Have Not Yet Committed Any Act

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—The early withdrawal of the Pershing expedition artillery force from Mexican territory is now certain. It was learned tonight that a quiet tip has been passed through official channels to all Americans interested in the mining and oil industries to get their men out of Northern Mexico with all possible haste. At the State Department it was unofficially reported today that the withdrawal of American civilians was being accomplished as rapidly as possible.

Although official confirmation of the date of the Pershing withdrawal was withheld the fact that such a move is already under way passed without denial. From wholly reliable sources it was learned today that the Pershing column is already moving slowly northward. The Mexican forces almost completely surround the Americans, but they have not yet committed any menacing act. Mrs. Irma D'Antin, widow of the American diplomat attached to the personal staff of Arredondo, the retiring ambassador-designate, called at the State Department today in search of definite word regarding her husband's sudden death. She declared that four or five versions, all contradictory and all circumstantially describing O'Antin's death, have reached the United States from Mexican sources.

One of the reports mentioned by Mrs. D'Antin as to how D'Antin died was that nitro-glycerine was dropped into his wine at the banquet given in honor of Arredondo and San Luis Poso. An overdose of nitro-glycerine would cause accelerated heart action with consequent cerebral hemorrhage, the reported cause of death, and would leave no trace. Mrs. D'Antin lodged with the State Department a request for the examination of the viscera with a view to ascertaining the cause of death. Instructions to follow this request went forward to American Consul Williams at San Luis Potosi by the department. It is believed the request will be denied by the Mexican authorities.

The widow at the State Department today said that Juan T. Burns, the Mexican consul-general in New York, told her of her husband's death in the following words:

"Your husband is dead. He's dead—that's all. You Americans have treated us Mexicans like dogs. He got a better funeral in Mexican than you would get here if you died."

NOTED NEWSPAPERMAN TO HANDLE WAR NEWS.

War correspondence of the International News Service in the future will be controlled exclusively by the famous correspondent, Mr. H. von Wiegand, who has come to the United States from Germany and will return to Germany within a few days. He will be a representative of the International News Service in all the Central Empires.

relations between the United States and Germany were more cordial now than at any time since the war began. The administration is extremely anxious to avoid all indications that the President's peace move might be connected with the German peace proposals, and it is possible that a statement on the Gerard utterances may be forthcoming from the department.

It was stated today that the department had no criticism to make of the ambassador's speech and that it had been accurately reported in the news dispatches. Excited comment in both Teutonic and entente press as to the exact effect of Ambassador Gerard's statement, however, prompted the request that he submit the text to the department.

The State Department today received an enormous petition from Boston urging an immediate break with Germany unless the deportation of Belgians from their homes is stopped. The petition, on a dozen huge scrolls of paper, was signed by 15,281 citizens of Boston, headed by Alexander Sedgewick. The big document was sent to the White House at the direction of Secretary Lansing.

Full Associated Press Service Begins Tomorrow

The management of The Wilmington Dispatch is pleased to announce to its friends and readers this morning that beginning tomorrow morning it will receive the full Associated Press report by telegraph direct in its office instead of the "pony" report by telephone as heretofore. This is considered one of the most noteworthy improvements yet made by The Dispatch. The enlarged news service has been contemplated ever since the present management took charge a year ago. A full press service will mean a considerable increase in the annual expenditure, but it has been the desire of the owners of the paper to give the people of this section the best paper possible, and this is but another step in that direction.

Heretofore The Dispatch, which has long been a member of the Associated Press, has been served from the Associated Press Bureau in Raleigh by telephone. Beginning tomorrow the news will be received in this office direct from Washington, so that The Dispatch will not only have an enlarged service but the service will be quicker than heretofore. It is indeed a pleasure for The Dispatch to announce that Mr. J. T. Runge will be the Associated Press operator in The Dispatch office. Mr. Runge is one of the best men in the service of the A. P. He has been with the association for 22 years, 19 years of this time he has served as operator in the office of The Morning Star, of this city. Mr. Runge is well known in The Dispatch office and he is given a most cordial welcome. Mr. J. H. Stevens is the present telegraph editor of The Dispatch, coming here a few weeks ago from the Atlanta Constitution.

SLIGHT INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTION RATE.

The increased cost of news print, amounting to no less than \$5,000 additional to The Dispatch for 1917, and the advance in the price of other materials used in producing a newspaper, makes necessary a slight raise in the subscription rate. For the past year the paper has been delivered to its subscribers at a price that the management knew could not be permanent, but we determined not to make an increase in price until the advance in materials made it absolutely necessary. White paper is now costing just 50 per cent. more than it did last year, but notwithstanding this increase and also the additional expenditure for the full leased wire service, the increase in the subscription price will be very small. The new price will make The Dispatch the same price as all other papers of the State that print every day in the week.

Effective on February 12, the price for The Wilmington Dispatch will be: By carrier in the city and at other places where we have carriers, 15 cents per week; or when paid in advance, \$7.00 a year; \$3.50 for six months; \$1.75 for three months. By mail, one year, \$6.00; six months, \$3.00; three months, \$1.50. Sunday only, \$2.00. Those who paid in advance for their paper, either through a contestant or at the office before February 12 will get the benefit of the present low rate. Effective on the same date the complimentary list will be entirely suspended and the paper put strictly on a cash basis. Exchanges will also be required to pay for The Dispatch. This step is in accord with similar action taken by practically all the papers of the country, only we are a little tardy.

The Wilmington Dispatch goes to its readers every day in the year—the only paper in this section that does. It is printed every week-day afternoon and Sunday morning. It carries all the latest telegraph, State and local news together with a number of exclusive features, including the "Funny Paper" on Sunday, which is a very costly feature, so much so, in fact, that many papers have discontinued their use. However, there is a big demand for the comics in this section and The Dispatch expects to continue to use them. An order was given Friday for an increased number to take care of the rapidly growing subscription list.

ADVERTISING RATES ALSO.

There will also be an increase in the advertising rates, based partly on the increased circulation and partly on the increased cost of production. The Dispatch is glad to say that it is getting its share of the advertising patronage both in the local and the foreign field and new contracts are being made every day. Still greater progress in this direction is anticipated with the large circulation the paper now has. Merchants and other business men realize the value of its advertising columns.

Dispatch readers may rest assured that the present management of The Dispatch will bend every effort to give them a newspaper that has all the news while it is news and in the most attractive form. In putting on the improved telegraph service tomorrow The Dispatch management is but following a definite plan that was mapped out when the present owners took charge a year ago. There are yet many other improvements in store. They will come in due time.

W. E. LAWSON, Manager.