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## INVESTIGATION OF VETERANS' BUREAU

FORMER DIRECTOR FORBES COMES THREE THOUSAND MILES FROM SICK BED.

### MAKES SHARP OBJECTIONS

Sharp Clash Occurs Between General John F. O'Ryan and the Former Director.

Washington.—Sharp objections by Charles R. Forbes, of Seattle, former director of the veterans bureau, marked the opening of public hearings before the senate committee investigating the operations of the bureau. Mr. Forbes declared he had come 2,000 miles and from a sick bed to assist the committee and to defend his integrity, which, he said, is under attack and insisted that he should be given the right to be heard in reply to statements concerning his administration as they are made.

"This matter is going all over the country," he said, "and unless I can make reply it would be assumed I am sitting here without offering any objection."

Senator Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee of three senators, told Mr. Forbes that neither he nor any other particular individual is "on trial" and that the proper time he would be given ample opportunity to "explain, object to, or contradict" any statements presented in the hearings. The former director interrupted several times during the day, however, and there was a rather stormy scene near the end of the session.

Brigadier General Frank T. Hines, retired, present director of the bureau, has testified that Francis B. Smith had been employed apparently as a consulting architect in connection with the Livermore, Calif., hospital project, at a salary of \$4,800 a year and that he had performed duty for only a few hours. His services terminated on April 3, 1923, the director said, after his attention had been called to the matter by Major General John F. O'Ryan, of New York, general counsel for the committee. "Who employed Mr. Smith," inquired a member of the committee.

"I employed him," shouted Mr. Forbes from his seat at the end of the long counsel table. "He was a consulting engineer making \$25,000 a year and was consulted in numerous occasions."

**Begin Revolution in Greece.**  
Athens.—Some two thousand men, led by the royalist, General Metaxas, have revolted against the removal of Premier Gonas.

The proclamation announcing the revolution signed by the Venizelist Generals Leonardopolous and Gargadhis and Colonel Giras, was published in the opposition newspapers and also scattered over the capital from an airplane. The military government immediately took measures to quell the revolt, which in government circles is declared to be of not great importance. Some arrests were made during the day and it was reported that the rebels had been dispersed.

The police confiscated newspapers which printed the proclamation of the revolt, which it is rumored here is receiving support from abroad. An encounter occurred at Chacis between mutineers and regular troops but everything is quiet in Athens.

The generals who are leading the outbreak no longer are on the active list of the army. In some quarters they are represented as leading the movement with the object of misleading the Greek army. The revolt had as its object the bringing about of the resignation of the present revolutionary government in order that strict impartiality would be shown the voters at the approaching election.

**Masses to Meet in Charleston.**  
Washington.—The supreme council 33d degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite southern jurisdiction, decided to hold its next session in Charleston, South Carolina.

In announcing that the 1924 meeting would be held in Charleston, the council said that "a sentimental interest attaches to this choice because the supreme council of the southern jurisdiction, which is the mother council of the world, and by recognition thereby all other supreme councils receive their regularity, was organized at Charleston, S. C."

## FIVE PERSONS DIE IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Memphis, Tenn.—Five persons were killed and two injured, one perhaps fatally when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Frisco Railroad passenger train near Winfield, Ala., according to advices received here. Those killed were Reverend P. F. Lucas, 40, his wife and two-year-old daughter, of Winfield; Reverend William J. Otts, 45, of Sulphur, Ala., and Reverend Max Hankins, of Fulton, Miss.

B. A. Carter and Rev. Owens, of Fulton, Miss., were injured. Mr. Owens was reported in a critical condition.

## ELEVEN ARRESTS ARE MADE

DOUBLE-BARREL CHARGE FIRED INTO NEW YORK WET FORCES BY FEDERAL GUNS.

Alleged Conspirators Declared to Have Used \$80,000 to Bribe Prohibition Agents.

New York.—The federal government fired a double-barreled charge into wet forces alleged to be drenching New York and New Jersey with illicit liquor.

With one charge federal reserve agents working under direct orders from Washington, brought down a batch of 11 alleged conspirators who were rounded up in the Hotel Pennsylvania and elsewhere, are alleged to have been using \$80,000 to bribe prohibition agents not to stop the brewing of real beer in New Jersey; not to interfere with the converting of industrial alcohol into strong liquor; and to block the flooding of New York and New Jersey with beer from rival vats in Pennsylvania.

With the other barrel, the government fired a broadside into the first of several thousand saloon keepers alleged to be running wide open in New York city since the repeal of the state prohibition enforcement law. Fifty-four suits were filed in federal courts to padlock these alleged speakeasies under provisions of the Volstead act, and United States Attorney Hayward added that more actions would be brought as soon as complaints could be typewritten.

It was stated that a regular weekly bribe of \$4,500 was accepted by one of the agents before making the arrests.

The men arrested were J. Harry Foley, former secretary to Senator Edwards, of New Jersey, when the latter was governor, and now state superintendent of weights and measures; Herbert Katz, of the Paterson Brewing and Malting company; Edward Butler of the Peter Breidt Brewing company, of Elizabeth, N. J.; Harry Kuller, of the Hygeia Brewing company, Passaic, N. J.; George Seebler, of the Rising Sun Brewing company, Elizabeth, N. J.; Henry Greenfield, a prohibition agent; Emmanuel Elfenbein, a truckman and warehouseman; Herman J. Goldman, Theodore I. Schwartzman, of the Herman Chemical company Brooklyn, N. Y.; William Nathan, of Hoboken, N. J., and Dr. Leo Zakaroff.

All were charged with conspiracy to give bribes to influence the conduct of prohibition agents. Specific charges against Goldman, Schwartzman, Elfenbein, Greenfield, Nathan and Zakaroff involving giving money to permit the transportation and sale of alcohol to be rectified into whiskey and other alcoholic beverages.

## Germany Faces Crisis.

Berlin.—With the situation in the Ruhr and Rhineland rapidly approaching a condition of an acute social and economic crisis with Saxon's socialist-communist ministry continuing its defiance of the central government, and with Bavaria having severed diplomatic relations with Saxony, Chancellor Sterresmann's coalition cabinet is confronted with issues which will afford it an early opportunity to make use of the dictatorial authority voted it by the reichstag in the emergency power bill.

While these are the outstanding issues which harbor elements of immediate danger the internal situation in its entirety, especially with respect to the financial cataclysm toward all classes of the population are heading through the further depreciation in the value of the mark, is automatically constituting itself a contributory factor which is destined to have a decisive bearing on the further course of events.

## VISITS BIRTHPLACE OF "ABE" LINCOLN

LLOYD GEORGE PEERS THROUGH CHINKS IN THE WALL INTO RUDE CABIN.

### WENT OVER ROUGH ROAD

He Inspects Monument of His Idol; School Children Sing "God Save the King."

Louisville, Ky.—The birthplace of Abraham Lincoln at Hodgenville in western Kentucky was visited by David Lloyd George, the former British premier. Evidencing the greatest interest in the log cabin in which Lincoln is said to have been born and all landmarks on the old farm, which is now a national park, the distinguished visitor trudged about the place and asked a running fire of questions concerning the early life of the man who is his ideal.

Mr. Lloyd George last week visited the tomb of the martyred President at Springfield, Ill., and eagerly arranged to visit the birthplace during his week-end stay here as the guest of Judge Robert W. Bingham, publisher of The Louisville Times and Courier-Journal. Although at first intending to go by automobile, the former premier made the 60-mile run on a special train furnished by Judge Bingham. Members of the official party and several residents of Louisville accompanied him on the trip.

At Hodgenville Mr. Lloyd George was met by a crowd of several hundred Kentuckians, all of characteristic pre-revolutionary American stock who still live in a region but sparsely settled and who habitually refer in conversation to the great President as "Abe."

Proceeding to the public square the former premier stopped in front of the old courthouse to inspect the monument of Lincoln by A. A. Weinman and was received by citizens and school children, the latter singing "God Save the King," as the distinguished visitor stood before them bareheaded, and the presenting him with flowers.

Over a rough country road Mr. Lloyd George from there went by automobile to the farm with its old log fence surrounding it and with several hundred residents from the vicinity about him, entered the granite memorial building to inspect the log house within. Carefully examining the small structure of logs and clay, built without the aid of nails, he peered through chinks in the wall, stood at the open doorway to be photographed and then signed the visitor's register. From there he descended the elevator on which the memorial building stands to the spring, which, half hidden in a rock cave, supplied water to the Lincoln family more than 100 years ago. Later he walked about the farm, examining all objects of interest.

## Coal Commission Makes Report.

Washington.—Wholesalers in the coal industry during recent years have been taking profits at a rate of more than 200 per cent over their pre-war margins, the coal commission reported, while retail coal dealers, in spite of increasing costs, have been taking less. The commission's studies of coal distribution resulted in its recommendation to President Coolidge and Congress that the federal government be empowered to regulate fuel distribution in times of shortage, but that the retail handling of coal be left chiefly for local treatment.

Though the commission ceased its work September 22, the text of its report on coal distribution became available in complete form for the first time. The conclusions advanced were unanimously adopted by its membership, including the chairman, John Hays Hammond, Thomas R. Marshall, Clark Howell, Dr. George Otis Smith, Edward T. Devine and Charles P. Neall.

## Governors Will Call Conference.

Washington.—Formulation of prohibition enforcement programs by the various states will come as the next step in the campaign of the federal government to make the dry laws more effective.

Governors of two-thirds of the states of the union, who attended the conference here with President Coolidge on enforcement of the immigration, narcotic and prohibition laws, left for their homes pledged to call two kinds of conferences.

## SPINNING ACTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER FALLS.

Washington.—A slight decrease in the activity of cotton spindles in September, as compared with August, was shown in the monthly report of the Census Bureau. September's total was 7,482,060,995 active spindle hours an average of 200 hours for each spindle in place, compared with the August total of 7,569,061,615 active spindle hours, an average of 202 hours of each spindle in place.

Spinning spindles in place in September totaled 37,491,706 compared with 37,430,195 in place August 31. Spindles active during September totaled 33,929,835 compared with 33,708,667 in August. The average number of spindles operated during September was 34,941,676, or at 93.2 per cent, compared with 32,075,013 or at 85.7 per cent capacity in August.

## HEARD BY LARGE AUDIENCE

REVOLUTION IS NO WAY TO GET REPARATIONS, SAYS WAR-TIME PREMIER.

Declares it a Fatal Mistake to Drive The German Population to Desperation.

Chicago.—The blindness of force and violence is the alternative to a policy of determining through careful examination the capacity of Germany to pay reparations, David Lloyd George, the war-time premier of Great Britain, declared in an address at the international amphitheater in the heart of the stock yards district. If Germany is refusing to pay, he added, the allies can by such means determine that point and then force payment by marching together in any enterprise that is necessary.

Reiterating his endorsement of the proposal of Secretary Hughes for an international commission to ascertain Germany's capacity to pay, the former premier declared that this was the only way to settle the troublesome question.

Discussing the situation in Europe with its exhaustion after the war and the reparations question as the most acute phase of the situation, Mr. Lloyd George declared that it was a fatal mistake to drive the German population to despair.

"We want reparations," he added, "and revolution is not the way to get them."

"I shall claim your indulgence, whilst I am giving a calm, unemotional and unrhethorical, and I trust strictly and unbiased, view of the position in Europe."

"The condition of Europe is of importance to every great business community throughout the world and the greatest business community of all, the United States of America, is no exception. You can afford to put up with these disturbances better than we can, but I have had some evidence since I reached these hospitable shores that they are prejudicially affecting some important sections of your producers and in the end it will reach all. Representatives of your farmers have informed me that they are suffering very materially because of the serious impairment of the purchasing capacity of Europe. The European need of your product is as great as ever. Nay, it is greater than ever, but the capacity to pay and therefore to purchase is less than it has been for many a year.

"Europe is like a ragged man standing in front of the plate glass window of a well stocked store. His need of clothes is infinitely greater than that of the well dressed man who is making extensive purchases inside. His need of food is more urgent than that of the well fed gentleman who is coming out after a good meal; for he can buy neither food to satisfy his hunger nor clothes to cover his nakedness.

"Until European prosperity is restored, that continent cannot be relied upon as a customer for world products.

## Will Consolidate Five Trade Routes.

Washington.—Decision to consolidate the five North Atlantic-United Kingdom trade routes and to eliminate entirely the managing agent system now in use upon them was announced by the shipping board.

The place of the agents will be taken by one or more "loading agents" and supervision of the ships will be taken over directly by the board.

## JOHN H. QUINN TO HEAD LEGION

IS ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER ON THE ELEVENTH BALLOT.

### THE CONVENTION ADJOURNS

Thurman Mann, of North Carolina, One of Five Vice Commanders Elected.

San Francisco.—A tired hand yielded the executive management of the American legion to a newly elected national commander when Alvin Owsley, retiring commander, turned over to John H. Quinn, of California, the responsibility of guiding the destinies of the legion for 1923-24, at the close of the fifth annual convention of the organization here.

Owsley, weary from his year's strife, his 65,000 miles of traveling during his administration on behalf of the legion, and showing a mass of 25 pounds, smiled a wan smile as he took Commander Quinn by the hand and said:

"I turn you over to the mercies of the newspaper men, the photographers and the public."

A far different type of man took up Owsley's burden. Quinn, cowboy and a typical westerner of the open plains, immediately announced he would dedicate his administration to conducting a vigorous campaign to obtain immediate passage of the ex-service men's adjusted compensation act, and a close and human contact between the disabled veterans and the government agencies in charge of rehabilitation and hospitalization.

Quinn was elected on the eleventh ballot. His total vote was 502, compared with 342 for James A. Drain, of Washington, D. C., 30 for Clarence R. Edwards, of Boston, and 54 for Wilder S. Metcalf, of Kansas, with 15 absent or not voting.

The following national vice commanders were elected: Ryan Duffie, Fond Du Lac, Wis.; Thurman Mann, High Point, N. C.; William B. Healy, Wilkesbarra, Pa.; S. M. Stoddard, Arizona, and Lester Albert, Idaho.

The only other elective officers in the legion, that of national chaplain, was filled by Ezra C. Clemans, of Minnesota, who was elected by acclamation.

While the convention was officially closed until next October, when it will convene at St. Paul, a grand ball was held here as part of the official program. Four bands furnished music for the dancers and 2,000 San Francisco girls participated.

## Governors Endorse Dry Laws.

West Baden, Ind.—Scrapping a conference tradition of 15 years standing, a majority of America's 52 state and territorial governors, took their first record vote of history in unanimously passing a resolution endorsing national prohibition and pledging President Coolidge "our fullest cooperation" in the enforcement of the Volstead act. The action came as the climax of a three-hour session of fiery debate, parliamentary tangles and perplexing maneuvering in which three governors fought throughout to block the vote.

Setting forth that only the Federal authorities have control of liquor importation, the governors declared that the national government should exercise its "full power and authority" in dealing with rum fleets and border smuggling.

An a viva voce vote in which no opposing voice reached the chairman or official reporters, the resolution was formally reported and "unanimously adopted."

With this ruling by Governor Percival S. Baxter, of Maine, presiding, the prohibition question, which was thrust into the conference at the opening session by Governor C. A. Hardee, of Florida, in his response to the address of welcome, was disposed of at the final session of the conference.

## Flood Ruins Area in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—With six persons known to be dead, several missing and property damage estimated in the millions, Oklahoma watched a recession of flood waters which have inundated many sections of the state for nearly a week.

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