1—Southbound steamers in Panama canal held up by slide in Gaillard cut while northbound vessels are proceeding. 2—Department of Agriculture clerks making an estimate of the country's pig population from reports from the farmers. 3—New photograph of Emil Coue, noted exponent of cure by auto-suggestion, who will return to America in January.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Senator Johnson Challenges Coolidge and Others to Direct Primary Fight.

ENTENTE IS SAVED AGAIN

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

SENATOR HIRAM JOHNSON of California, avowed candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, has started into make things lively for his rivals, including President Coolidge. He has warned them that he proposes to make a determined fight in every state against "hand-picked" delegations, and challenged them to meet him in the primaries in a straight-out contest. His statement, issued from Washington, is supposed to have been the result of unwarranted intimations that Mr. Coolidge would not make a direct campaign for state delegations, relying largely on delegates from states that have no direct primaries and on those which would turn to him after their favorite sons have been eliminated from competition.

"I insist that the rank and file of the Republican party have a right to express themselves as to the candidate of the party for the presidency," Senator Johnson said. "I am seeking to have that preference expressed. I shall accept the determination of the voters with equanimity and philosophy. I do not fear to go before the people upon that which I believe, and no other man who is a candidate should hesitate to have those whose support he asks express themselves on his candidacy.

"The members of the party, rather than a few self-constituted bosses, are entitled to select the candidate. We are going to put it up to the American people. I insist that all candidates should go before the people on the same principle."

Senator Johnson indicated that his main fight would be made in such states as Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Nebraska and New Jersey. He is looked on with considerable favor by many Illinois Republicans, but must contend with the strong followings of Coolidge and Lowden. In Indiana Senator James E. Watson says he may become a candidate "if for no other reason than to keep the state's delegation from Hiram Johnson."

While he is too radical for such men as Watson, the Californian is too conservative to suit the other Senator Johnson, Magnus from Minnesota. That loud-speaker arrived in the national capital and told the pop-eyed world that Hiram was a backslider from the cause of progressivism, that the third party movement was growing very strong, and that the farmers must be given protection against their enemies, the grain and dairy companies. He seems to be right about the third party movement. Indeed, a third party was formally organized in Chicago by a group under the leadership of J. A. H. Hopkins of New York and the call for its convention, to be held May 30, was issued.

Another meeting of progressive groups was held in Omaha and representatives of fifteen states indorsed Ford for president and called a convention at Detroit December 12.

WILLIAM G. McADOO had his first test of strength among the Democrats last week in South Dakota, where the county proposal conventions were held. Ford supporters were his chief opponents, and while results are not yet quite definite, it appears that McAdoo won throughout the state by at least two to one. The Republicans were fairly divided between Coolidge and Hiram Johnson. Most of the Farmer-Labor conventions named uninstructed delegations to the state convention.

ONCE more the Anglo-French entente, periodically smashed by the foreign correspondents, has been saved. Notwithstanding his fiery and defiant addresses, Premier Poincare yielded to the British view as to what was best to do in the matters of the return of the former crown prince to Germany and the resumption of the activities of the allies' military control commission, and agreed that there should be no threats of sanctions nor anything that might sound like an ultimatum to Germany. The British gave in on some minor points, and thereupon the council of ambassadors sent to Berlin two notes. In one the Germans were told that since Frederick William already had returned, he might remain as a private citizen, but the government was asked to see that no steps be taken to place him on the throne. It was also warned that it must not permit the former kaiser to return. In the other communication Berlin was informed that "the allied governments have decided that the operations of military control and aeronautic supervision must be resumed without delay under conditions which will be notified to the German government by the presidents of the commission of military control and the committee of aeronautic guarantee.

"Should these operations meet with obstruction from German authorities or German nationals, the allied governments intend to take measures which may seem to them proper to assure execution of the treaty."

It was understood that the Stresemann government would find the notes from the allies entirely satisfactory. The French press, except the government organs, was not so well pleased with them and the premier was rather severely criticised for his "surrender." But from his point of view Poincare seems justified. Prime Minister Baldwin faces a hard fight in the coming British elections, and one of the chief complaints against him is that he has suffered so many diplomatic defeats at the hands of Poincare. The latter cannot expect that in the event of Baldwin's defeat the new British government will be even as friendly to his policies as has been the present cabinet. Therefore he could well afford to give Baldwin the diplomatic victory of last week. After the British elections the whole question may be reopened.

GENERAL DEGOUTTE, commander of the occupation troops in the Ruhr, issued a decree imposing imprisonment and fines on those industrialists who insisted on closing down their plants, but the magnates evaded arrest and locked out their employees nevertheless. Consequently the French seized mines and other properties and began operating them with the assistance of the locked-out men and under French engineers. The allies reached satisfactory agreements with the dye and shoe manufacturers of the Rhineland. In the Bavarian Palatinate the separatists carried on a kind of guerrilla warfare and took possession of several towns. It was said they were aided by the French in the Palatinate. This was the cause of a formal protest from Berlin to the allies.

In Upper Silesia the organized farmers, who are nationalistic, declared a food boycott against the towns until Stresemann and his cabinet should resign. Immediately the hungry townsmen flocked into the country by thousands and burned and looted the farmsteads. They were fought by the junkers and their employees and by the police, and there were many fatalities. The farmers' organizations, it is stated, could provide plenty of food for all of Germany until next March if they wished, but they will not do so until a nationalistic government is established.

When the reichstag reassembled Chancellor Stresemann said Germany's internal condition was hopeless and he could see not the slightest prospect of an improvement. His government, he declared, would relinquish office if the reichstag considered it necessary. It seemed likely he would soon be accommodated in this respect.

DESPITE the misgivings of Senator Lodge, Senator Smoot and some other Republican leaders who fear it may mean disaster for their party, President Coolidge has decided to support Secretary Mellon's tax reduction program boldly and unreservedly. With a revenue surplus piling up it is the duty of the government to reduce the tax burden, the President holds, and he is confident that the radicals will be unable to put any extreme measure through congress. His attitude toward soldier bonus legislation has not been disclosed, but he probably will follow the example of President Harding and insist that if a bonus bill be passed, a means for financing it be provided by congress.

J. C. WALTON, suspended governor of Oklahoma, was found guilty of eleven of the sixteen charges presented to the senate court of impeachment and for corruption in office, moral turpitude, neglect of duty and general incompetence was removed from his office. The vote was 41 to 0, Walton's one consistent supporter being absent. Six of the original charges were dismissed. No evidence for the defense was presented, for Walton had withdrawn his counsel after announcing that he could not stand the "humiliation of an unfair trial." His attorneys, however, intend to try to carry the case to the Supreme court of the United States. A grand jury in Oklahoma City considered the evidence on which the deposed governor was convicted and indicted him for criminal offenses.

DR. FREDERICK A. COOK, the Arctic explorer who gained notoriety by his long "discovery" of the North Pole years ago and who of late has been a spectacular dealer in oil stocks, has come to the end of his rope. Tried before Federal Judge Killits in Fort Worth, Tex., for misuse of the mails in connection with the operations of the Petroleum Producers' association, of which he was the sole trustee, he was found guilty and sentenced to fourteen years and nine months in prison and fined $12,000. Nineteen co-defendants were also found guilty. Judge Killits in passing sentence denounced Cook scathingly for robbing widows and orphans, concluding: "You ought to be paraded as a practical warning in every state where you have sold stock."

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HOOVER says the government is not considering any plan for the relief of the hungry people in Germany, though several persons have talked of the matter with the President. As to whether relief is needed, Mr. Hoover says the breakdown in distribution, coupled with considerable unemployment, has caused suffering in the poor districts. Uncertainty of business life has multiplied many times, but Germany as a whole is still a powerful country in business, agriculture, and trade. Purchases by Germany from the United States in the first six months of 1923 aggregated more than $143,000,000, or about 570,000,000 gold marks. The industrial plan of Germany is better than it was before the war, and there is even danger that it is overdeveloped. Crops throughout Germany are reported generally good, in some instances being the best for fifteen years or more.

Major General Allen's committee for relief of hungry German children is all ready to open its campaign for the collection of funds from American citizens and it is announced that at least $10,000,000 will be needed. The American Friends service committee will administer the fund and the German government will kindly attend to the insurance, warehouse and other overhead charges.

FRIENDS of Corea in America, who are organized, have filed with Secretary of State Hughes a formal protest against the alleged murder of about 500 Coreans during the great earthquake and fire in Tokyo and Yokohama. Dr. Floyd W. Thompkins, president of the society, who signed the protest, declared an eyewitness saw 250 Coreans "bound hand and foot, placed on an old junk, covered with oil and burned alive." What Secretary Hughes can do about it is not indicated.

KING ALFONSO, Queen Victoria and Dictator Prime Rivera of Spain all went to Italy last week and were received by King Victor Emmanuel and Premier Mussolini with impressive ceremony. It was said a military alliance between the two countries would be signed to balance the alliance between France and Jugo-Slavia.

IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THIS AND OTHER NATIONS FOR SEVEN DAYS GIVEN

THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What Is Taking Place In The Southland Will Be Found In Brief Paragraphs

Foreign—

Dr. Rudolph E. A. Havenstein, of Berlin, president of the reichsbank, is dead.

Expulsion from the country of Paul Polounine, the Russian who was recently acquitted of complicity in the assassination of the soviet envoy Vorovsky, was decided upon by the Swiss Federal council acting under the federal law directed against foreigners disturbing the order in Switzerland.

David Lloyd George, fighting for a comeback in British politics, formally became a candidate for reelection to parliament when the liberal party of the Carnarvon Boroughs, in Wales, adopted him as their candidate. He was the unanimous choice of the Carnarvon liberals.

Lady Astor has been enthusiastically renominated by the conservatives of the Sutton division of Plymouth as their parliamentary candidate and has accepted the nomination. In her speech of acceptance, she announced that she supported Prime Minister Baldwin and his policy and expressed belief that the socialist party if given power would diminish British credit and automatically cause an immediate rise in the cost of living.

The Earl of Bidkenhead fulfilled his promise to support the Baldwin government in the election campaign when he struck his first blow for prohibition in a speech at the constitutional club luncheon at London.

Giacomo Puccini, the composer, has won his suit against the Ricordi Music Publishing company, in which he complained that his dignity and artistic personality had been injured by the publication of a foxtrot containing an excerpt from his opera, "Madame Butterfly."

With regard to reports of the impending conclusion of an Anglo-American loan to Germany, the Berlin Courier says that negotiations are in progress between a well-known Berlin bank and a group of American, British and Dutch financiers for a credit to Germany of 1,000,000,000 marks.

The demoralizing influence of the Japanese army so deeply affected his imperial highness, Prince Kaudjeo Kuni, that he has been retired from imperial rank, at his own request, and has descended to the status of a common subject.

The allies, after declaring in various ways their determination to disagree on the enforcement of the allied military control in Germany, hesitated when the moment came for the break, and in a final effort to avoid rupture patched up a compromise text of a note to Germany, which was submitted to the various governments.

Washington—

Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, is ill with a slight touch of grip. Physicians said he probably would be in bed for several days.

A statement urging acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for the Muscle Shoals, Ala., power and fertilizer project was issued by Senator Ladd, Republican.

Promises that Grover Bergdoll will return to this country from Germany if the Washington government complies with certain stipulated conditions, said to amount to virtually immunity for him, have been made to government officials by attorneys and others speaking for the Bergdoll family.

Acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for the Muscle Shoals, Ala., water power and fertilizer project, through government construction of a new steam auxiliary power plant to replace the Gorgas plant disposed of recently to the Alabama Power company, is provided in a bill prepared by Representative Madden, Republican, Illinois, for introduction immediately upon assembly of the new congress.

Orders for the release of Lothar Wizke, the only German spy convicted in the United States during the World war, caused considerable official commotion in Washington but the orders will stand as issued two weeks ago by Secretary Weeks and Wizke will be liberated from Leavenworth prison. The former spy, however, will leave the country immediately.

Entry by the United States into the Permanent Court of International Justice was urged upon President Coolidge and the senate in a resolution adopted by the Synod of the Province of Washington, representing the diocese of the Episcopal church in Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware and the District of Columbia. Bishop Alexander Mann, of Pittsburg, proposed the resolution declaring "if we do not enter the court, what is all our loud-voiced desire for the peace of the world but a futile gesture."

There is a general demand to force a slash in federal taxation. The suggestion is made that both the tax cut and soldier bonus can be given the nation.

Approximately $32,000,000 has been loaned by the federal intermediate credit banks to aid the farmers in financing the production and marketing of this year's crop. Of the total loans made to farmer organizations, only $2,403,000 has been loaned to wheat farmers; on cotton $5,316,444.

Senator Brookhart, Republican, Iowa, arrived for the session of congress with his kit full of legislative plans, but he said, without overalls. "But remember," he added, "I predicted that we would have more overalls in the senate and we have. Magnus Johnson coming. He is a fine fellow."

Republicans of the next house of representatives face the likelihood of a vigorous contest over the election of a floor leader to succeed former Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, despite the efforts of some to avoid such a fight for fear he might threaten party unity.

The state courts of Alabama during the year ending September 30, last, sentenced 350 persons to the penitentiary for illegally manufacturing whisky, Prohibition Commissioner Haynes has been informed. During October there were 167 arrests under the state prohibition law, 32 raids, 36 stills. There also were seized and destroyed 36 stills, 58,962 gallons of mash, 597 gallons of whisky and 49 gallons of wine. Ten automobiles were confiscated during the month.

Domestic—

In the gland banditry wave in Chicago, Earle English, a former Atlanta, Ga., boy, student of the University of Chicago, has been arrested and the police say he can throw much light on the matter. His cousin Charles Ream, charges that young English drugged him and cut out his thyroid gland.

Nine persons are known to have been killed and fifteen others injured, five of them probably fatally, as the result of a boiler explosion at the Vida Sugar refinery at Lockwoodville, ten miles each of New Iberia, La.

A move to bring together the democratic and farmer-labor party organizations in South Dakota was made in at least two counties recently.

Commander L. P. Davis, [illegible] of the U. S. S. Wood[illegible] eleven destroyers crashed [illegible] the rocks at Point Honda, was [illegible] of negligence by a court-martial at San Diego.

Waiting "for their man" [illegible] on Chicago loop streets [illegible] a large amount of [illegible] president of the [illegible] of Chicagoans. Tom, his son, Willard, were arrested.

Omer R. Woods, convicted [illegible] wife-murderer, must pay the supreme penalty. This was the decision of the Utah state supreme court [illegible] Salt Lake City, which his appeal for a rehearing of his appeal for a new trial was denied.

Fireman James Biggy saved the lives of four children trapped in the garret of a burning house in Chicago. He carried all four of them through smoke so thick he could scarcely see and with flames scorching his eyes. Biggy is husky, weighing 200 pounds.

Governor Warren T. McCray, appearing again as a witness on the fourth day of the hearing being conducted in federal court, Indianapolis, on a petition of three Fort Wayne, Ind., banks to have him adjudged bankrupt, was cross-examined by his counsel, who sought to show that his principal occupation is farming and therefore is not subject to involuntary bankruptcy proceedings.

J. W. Judson, Jr., of Memphis, Tenn., once convicted of murder and sentenced to be electrocuted for the killing of Mrs. Hattie R. Ferguson, with whom he is said to have been infatuated, halted the examination of veniremen for his second trial in criminal court by entering a plea of guilty and by agreement of counsel was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment.

Irene Castle wants to move her supply of liquor, valued at several thousand dollars, from her former home in Ithaca, N. Y., to her residence in New York. She made application for the transfer to Prohibition Director Canfield, but refused to discuss her cellar.

Mayor Walter M. Taussig was found in the garage behind his home, Yonkers, N. Y., a revolver near him, and was taken to a hospital where he died from a bullet wound believed by the police to have been self-inflicted.

Mrs. Mary Culouski, 30 years old, shot and probably fatally wounded Simon Culouski, her fifth husband, after a quarrel. She told Chicago police that her act was the result of a pact into which the couple had entered that if either left the other, the one who left must die.

Broadway is wondering why Whitney Warren, Jr., did not sail for Italy recently after passage had been booked for him by his father, Whitney Warren, well known architect.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, oil operator who was found guilty in federal court, Fort Worth, Texas, for the alleged misuse of the mails in connection with the operations of the Petroleum Producers' association, of which he was sentenced to serve fourteen years and nine months in the federal prison and assessed a fine of $12,000 by Federal Judge Killits.

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