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BORAH SENSATION FLICKERS OUT AS DENIALS COME IN

Suggestions of Secret British-American Understanding Quickly Denied

CRAVATH SAYS HE WAS QUOTED INCORRECTLY

Incident Apparently Ends As Opponents of Treaty Prepare To Ask For A Formal Investigation; Denials From White House And Secretary Hughes.

Washington, March 23.—The twenty-four-hour sensation over suggestions of a secret British-American cooperative "understanding" suddenly flickered out today in the Senate.

A succession of formal denials, emanating from sources that ranged from the White House down, shored up upon opponents of the "four-power Pacific treaty" as they were preparing to ask for a formal investigation and apparently put an end to the whole incident.

Avalanche of Denials

At the White House officials said flatly that no secret agreement of the character suggested existed. Secretary Hughes, in a letter read in the Senate, characterized the suggestion as "absolutely false."

Paul D. Cravath the New York attorney whose statement started the row, sent a telegram saying he had been incorrectly quoted and had no knowledge of any "secret understanding."

Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, who presented the Cravath statement to the Senate yesterday, contented himself with saying that what he read was a stenographic transcript of Cravath's remarks, and that the explanation now made does not accept in any court. No one rose to defend the New York attorney and the discussion drifted to other lines of the treaty fight.

The purpose of some of the irreconcilables to make the incident the basis for a fight to send the treaty back to committee apparently had been abandoned tonight. Some Senators, however, indicated that they felt a motion to recommit should be made as a matter of form, and it was generally predicted such a step would be taken before the ratification vote is reached on Friday. Administration leaders say they are certain to defeat the motion overwhelmingly.

Mr. Hughes wanted no words in denying the existence of any "secret notes or understandings" with any foreign power, but he concluded his five sentence letter with a hope "that the American delegates will be saved further aspersions upon their veracity and honor." In the debate which followed there was not a single reference to the letter or to the Secretary.

General Discussion

Once the storm started by Senator Borah's utterances of yesterday had blown over, general discussion proceeded throughout the day with very little give and take arguments mixed with the succession of long addresses. Senator Edge, Republican, New Jersey, and Senator Poindexter, Republican, Washington, spoke in favor of the treaty, and Senator Watson, Democrat, Georgia, assailed it. Tomorrow addresses are to be made by Senators LaFollette, Republican, Wisconsin, and Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, and probably also by Senators Shortridge, Republican, California, Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, and McCormick, Republican, Illinois.

By the terms of the agreement voting was in order today on pending amendments and reservations, but there was no attempt to press toward a roll-call.

WAKE FOREST SELECTS SPEAKERS FOR FINALS

Wake Forest, March 22.—Senior speakers were chosen here yesterday by the faculty for commencement which will be held May 23, 24 and 25. Three members of the senior class were chosen from each of the two literary societies of Wake Forest.

From the Eusebian Society James F. Hoge, E. B. Dawes and T. W. Allen were the choices of the faculty, while from the Philomathean Society A. L. Goodrich, E. S. Averitt and C. B. Howard were selected.

Each of the men selected to represent the class of 1922 at the finals in May are speakers of ability and have considerable experience in college debaters on several occasions.

WILL RESUME WORK ON COLLEGE APRIL FIRST

Financial Agent For Ayden Institution Much Encouraged

Ayden, March 18.—Work on the Free Will Baptist College which has been temporarily suspended on account of the bad weather is expected to be resumed about the first of April according to latest reports from the officials of the institution.

There has been laid already some over two hundred thousand bricks in addition to the building of the foundation which took considerable time to complete, as the basement was a "right big job in itself. When work is resumed it is expected that a large force will be put on the construction of same and the building rushed to completion.

Much interest in the building of the College is being manifested throughout the entire membership of the denomination as well as in this immediate vicinity. Rev. W. B. Everett, financial agent, states that where he has traveled in the interest of raising funds for the College, everybody is interested and a willing body to do all they can towards financing the project is in evidence. It will require lots more money to complete the buildings as planned and it is expected that the loyal members of the denomination who realize the need of a college will rally to the cause.

DUNN TO OBSERVE CLEAN UP WEEK

The Chamber of Commerce And The Woman's Club Will Take The Lead

Stacey W. Wade, Insurance Commissioner of North Carolina, has addressed the following letter to the Chamber of Commerce and the civic department of the Woman's Club of Dunn. At a meeting of representatives of these organizations held yesterday it was decided to give Dunn a thorough cleaning next week and plans are being made to make the

announcement in Tuesday's issue of the Dispatch. The letter follows: We are calling your attention to a subject seldom referred to in business, but one of great importance to you and your household:

Trash

Our State, along with her other troubles, last year had a tremendous fire loss—about eight million dollars—and while we stood low in number of fires from most causes, the fire caused by trash were more than out proportionate part, or about \$900,000. A little trip through the business district of our city, including the back yards and alleys, will show you why—that debris invariably overflows from the inside.

May we depend upon you for service during the week of March 27-31 in doing away with the major portion of this great menace? This is the week generally adopted throughout the State as clean-up week, and we firmly believe that a word from you to your associates would do a great deal toward securing the removal of trash so as to avoid a possible conflagration.

We are writing to all municipal authorities asking their co-operation to the extent of furnishing free transportation for all trash put where the wagons, trucks and carts can get it. We are going to have a real clean-up week, and you can be of great service if you will.

ARRESTED ON MURDER CHARGE

A. H. Hall, Formerly Chief of Police Of Roseboro, Jailed On Request of Sheriff Mays of Ala.

A. H. Hall, former chief of police of Roseboro, and one of the men engaged in the free for all fight in Roseboro a week or two ago, was arrested Saturday by Sheriff Williams and placed in jail to await an officer from Dothan, Ala., where he, according to a telegram received by Mayor Burk, of Roseboro, is wanted on a charge of murder. Sheriff Mays, of Dothan, requested information by wire as to whether Hall would return without requisition, and was answered by Sheriff Williams that he had consented to do so. Roland is the true name of Hall, according to the telegram, Albert H. being an alias.

Mr. Hall has lived in Roseboro several years and has been generally respected. The account of the fight mentioned above, which having been crowded out of last week's paper, appears in this issue of the Democrat. Hall had no suspicion of his imminent arrest when the Sheriff approached him and asked him to read the telegram. He read and simply drew in his breath after doing so. He made

KEEP CHICKENS FROM VISITING

Neighboring Kindness Should Make Owners Keep Fowls On Their Premises

Spring is nearly here and with it the time for planting gardens and flowers. The man who carries home from his work to get a few beans under ground before nightfall and the woman who leaves her household duties to set out flowers in the front yard, are truly patriotic citizens. The one raises something to eat, the other something to make life more cheerful. There ought to be nothing on earth to destroy their efforts save by elements of nature, which sometimes go contrary.

But consider the clucking old hens of the next door neighbor whose garden is a garbage heap and whose front yard is full of weeds, that come flying or meandering into the neighbor's newly planted garden and front yard and scratch all the seed out of the ground. In a few minutes they undo all that the industrious man and woman have done. The time the couple have given to the work will all be lost—because a neighbor was too lazy or too careless to keep his chickens at home.

Neighboring kindness ought to be sufficient reason for one preventing such occurrences as this, but among some people there seems to be an "unknown quantity." They take no pride in their own place and they haven't enough sense of justice to keep their chickens off the premises of their neighbor who takes pride in his. What does it matter to them if the result of many afternoons' work in the garden or in the front are lost to the man or woman next door? Their chickens get fat off the seed they would not think for a moment of going into their neighbor's garden and stealing a mess of tomatoes, but they don't work when their chickens fly the fence and destroy the whole crop.

If neighboring kindness does not stop such practice, then the town law should be brought into play.—Carolina Banner.

MILLIONAIRE YOUTH ACQUITTED BY JURY

Held For Trial On Charge Of Having Whiskey In His Possession

Kalamazoo, Mich. March 22.—John Duval Dodge, son of the late John F. Dodge, automobile manufacturer, of Detroit, was acquitted by a jury in municipal court today on a charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated.

The charge was the outgrowth of a midnight automobile ride March 11, which resulted in the injury of Miss Emmeline Kwakernak, 19 year old student.

Dodge was also charged with illegal possession of liquor and at his preliminary hearing today was bound over to the April term of circuit court.

Miss Sue Stegenga and Miss Ethel Clements, companions of Miss Kwakernak, who were in the party testified at Dodge's trial that he had refused a drink tendered him by Rex Earl, of Kalamazoo, another participant.

Miss Stegenga reiterated this statement at Dodge's hearing today which was held while the jury was deliberating on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

Earl was arrested with Dodge and fined \$50 and costs on a charge of intoxication, he was also bound over to circuit court on a charge of illegal possession of liquor.

NEW MAYOR ELECTED BY SMITHFIELD COMMISSIONERS

Smithfield, March 18.—Without any marked ceremony and with only the town commissioners and the city clerk present, L. G. Stevens took the oath of office as mayor of the city to serve the unexpired term of C. A. Creech, who resigned on account of pressing business which kept him from the city practically all the time.

It seems that there were several names up for the consideration of the commissioners but they were all in favor of Mr. Stevens who is one of the county's favorite lawyers. no statement, nor did the Sheriff ask him for any.

There seems to be some relation between the fight mentioned, of the capture of a still near Roseboro last week, and possibly the receipt of the information of Hall's whereabouts by the Alabama authorities.—Sampson Democrat.

BONUS BILL PAID HOUSE

Only 42 Republicans and Twenty Five Democrats Against

Washington, March 22.—The four billion dollar soldier bonus bill was passed tonight by the House by an overwhelming majority. It now goes to the Senate, where its fate is regarded as uncertain.

The vote was 322 yeas, or 64 more than the two-thirds majority necessary for the measure under the parliamentary procedure selected by Republican leaders for the purpose of preventing the Democrats from offering a motion to recommit.

Party Lines Disappear

Party lines disappeared both in the general debate and in the final roll call, 242 Republicans and 20 Democrats and one Socialist supported the bill and 42 Republicans and 25 Democrats voted against it.

As passed by the House, the bonus bill would provide for immediate cash payments to veterans of \$500.00 and would give to all veterans the option of these following plans:

Four Options

Adjusted service annuities, with provisions authorizing advances by banks in the first three months after next October 1 and by the government thereafter, the corporation rate to run for 20 years and to have a face value at maturity of the amount of the adjusted service credit, at the rate of \$1 a day for each year of service, increased by 25 per cent, simple interest at the rate of 4 per cent, compounded annually.

Vocational training after Jan. 1, 1923, at the rate of \$1.25 a day, the total payment to be stored, however, 140 per cent of the adjusted service credit.

Farm and home loans under which veterans, who purchase or improve farms or homes, are paid after July 1, 1923, a percentage of their adjusted service credit, increased by 25 per cent.

Land settlement under which lands would be sold under the supervision of the War Department and farm units established for sale to the veterans.

In only two important particulars does this measure differ from the one passed by the House two years ago and that shelved in the Senate last July. The original cash bonus option was eliminated and the bank loan provision of the adjusted service certificate title substituted.

BAND MINSTREL COMING AGAIN

Promise Good Show At The Metropolitan Theatre Next Thursday

With new songs, new dances and new jokes, the Dunn Band Minstrels will play a return engagement here next Thursday night, promising Dunn the best entertainment it has had for many months. The show has been wonderfully improved since it was shown here first under the direction of the Baker Photoengraving Company and has won much applause in other towns.

Proceeds from the sale of seats will be devoted to the payment of the debt the band boys have incurred for uniforms which arrived this week.

Eugene T. Lee is managing the minstrels and has written some very fine lines for it. When it was staged in Selma a few weeks ago it was received enthusiastically by a large audience and it was said that Selma had not seen so good a show this season.

The Masonic Orchestra will furnish music during the show, which will be preceded by an open air concert by the band. Thursday afternoon the band will parade the streets and give concerts in several places about town.

Admission to the show will be 25 and 1 cents.

The latest Hollywood crime is the way they put out comedies.

Our Senate is making reservations, but it isn't going anywhere.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO HAVE A GOSPEL MEETING

We begin a Gospel Meeting at the Christian church on April 5th. John M. Watson, a former pastor of the local church, will assist the pastor. We solicit the co-operation and prayers of all of God's people in and around Dunn. Will you join us in a spiritual revival?

LIVELY FIGHT TO GET DUNN OFFICE

Acting Republican Postmaster Plans To Tie Up Confirmation

Edward E. Britton in News and Observer

Washington, March 22.—A Republican row of big proportions is simmering if not boiling already at Dunn over the postmastership.

It is a row within the "ranks" and the outlook is that some blows are to be delivered in the scramble for the position of postmaster.

The eligible list of three is headed by two Democrats, Eugene T. Lee with a rating of 90.45 and E. L. Wade with a rating of 88.26. Third on the list is Captain William D. Holland with a rating of 82.30. As inspection shows, Captain Holland is a Republican, the only one on the eligible list it does not require the gift of prophecy to name him as the man who will get the nomination. The news that reaches Washington is that he has been endorsed by the Republican county and State machine.

But he is not endorsed by the acting postmaster E. C. West, who is also a Republican but is not on the eligible list. It is understood here that acting postmaster West proposes to file charges against Captain Holland.

In fact, he has notified officials here that he will file charges, these said to be of serious nature, against the confirmation of Captain Holland if the latter gets the nomination.

In addition he has already asked the Postoffice Department to send a postoffice inspector to Dunn to look into the matter relating to the appointment of a new postmaster.

There are reports also from Dunn that the advocates of the appointment of Captain Holland may all acting Postmaster West is after is that he will tie up the office because the defect of the confirmation of Captain Holland and as acting postmaster continue to hold on to the job. At any rate a row of liveliest kind is in the making for the postmastership at Dunn.

MIGHTY FLOOD ROLLS DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI

Water Near 36-Foot Gauge At Memphis, With Predictions Of From 41 to 43 Feet At Crest

Memphis, Tenn., March 22.—With the Mississippi river near the 36-foot mark on the Memphis gauge, and with the crest of the flood passing Cairo tonight, estimates of the height the flood water will attain here by Sunday night, when the crest is expected, vary from the 41-foot stage, predicted by the United States weather bureau, to 48 feet or more, declared by old river men now to be in sight. The crest stage is expected to continue here for two or three days.

Practically no loss or damage has as yet been done by the flood at any point south of St. Louis, according to reports received here.

River men report that the high water is apparently making a number of changes in the channel of the river from Cairo south. Some islands are being completely washed away by the swift current while others are forming.

All danger of loss of life is believed over, if the levees hold, as dwellers on unprotected lands have all been taken to places of safety.

GREAT MEETING CLOSED

Many Join Churches of Clinton as Result of the Meeting Conducted At the Methodist Church

It was a great meeting conducted at the Methodist Church by Pastor Davis and Rev. Mr. Stanford, of Gastonia. The number of additions to the Methodist church thus far is 25 or 30, while the whole membership has been greatly revived and heartened. Also twenty seven or eight have been received into the membership of the Baptist church as a consequence of the same meeting. The other churches of the town, too will probably receive an augmentation of membership. The whole town has been greatly refreshed by the preaching of Mr. Stanford and the Bible teaching of Miss Vaughan. The latter is still here and continuing her helpful work this week at the Episcopal church.—Sampson Democrat.

THORNE-DORMAN

John C. Thorne and Miss Randle Dorman, both of Rocky Mount, were married in that city Thursday, March 16th. The bride has many friends in this section of the State who wish for her much happiness.

SECURING JOBS FOR MANY EX-SOLDIERS

More Than 200,000 Have Been Placed As A Result Of American Legion Drive

Indianapolis, March 22.—A decrease of about 200,000 in the ranks of unemployed ex-service men was estimated today by Lemuel Bolles, National Adjutant of the American Legion. The decrease is due, he said, to the drive for jobs for veterans which the legion is making.

Frederick, Md., was the first town to report one hundred per cent employment among the veterans. Adjutant Bolles expressed satisfaction with the results of the first day's drive.

Every community is urged to place local men in jobs first. If there are more than enough for them it is urged that the "floaters" be given work.

Flying squads are being organized by some posts, Mr. Bolles said, for the purpose of going out and hunting jobs for ex-service men. Announcement was also made by the legion that the campaign would continue until every man had a job.

At South Bend, Ind., it was reported every ex-service man had a job and that there were still about 210 jobs left over. There are still about 500,000 ex-service men who are in need of work, Mr. Bolles said.

ISSUE WARRANTS TO COLLECT TAX

Collector Grissom Signs 5,000 Warrants In District Against Taxpayers

Raleigh, March 22.—With the hub-bub of collection of the first installment of 1921 income taxes, for those who paid on time, barely over, the United States government has begun a determined, nation-wide drive for the collection of taxes that are in arrears.

As his share of the drive, Collector of Internal Revenue William Grissom is issuing 5,000 warrants of distraint upon the property of North Carolina citizens, 4,800 of the cases dating back before the present year.

The warrants are divided roughly as follows: 2,000 for income taxes, 2,000 for sales taxes and 1,000 for liquor cases. The latter, though the smallest in number, present the most trouble as the penalties imposed range from \$2,000 to \$3,000 and in bulk of cases the persons against whom the tax is levied deny liability for the tax or knowledge of the distiller's upon which it is based. Both Judge Henry G. Connor of the eastern district and Judge James F. Boyd of the western district have in all cases submitted to them signed temporary restraining orders, prohibiting collection of the tax pending final settlement of the validity of the tax. However, so far as Collector Grissom has been able to determine, restraining orders have been issued in only 74 to the 1,000 cases.

Penalties are less severe in respect to the other taxes and there is less dispute in regard to the levy. Some of the income tax warrants will be issued on the basis of alleged errors in returns filed, but the vast majority of them are for simple default in payments, dating back to last year and beyond. Penalty on income taxes amounts to five per cent, plus one per cent for each month payment has been deferred.

Non payment of the sales taxes, passed on to the consumer and collected by the retailer but not turned in to the government, is regarded as a more serious matter and a heavier penalty is exacted, it amounting to 25 per cent, plus five per cent, plus one per cent for each month payment is delayed.

Liens have been taken upon the property of some citizens but no property has yet been disposed of by sale and Collector Grissom will give tax payers every chance to settle before taking extreme measures. Service of each of the 5,000 warrants is being preceded by a personal letter from the collector, explaining the situation and suggesting that payment be made immediately or a claim for statement filed, if there is any dispute about the amount of the tax.

"O. WHAT LUCK" WAS SURE WAS A LUCKY BOY

Denver, Col., Mar. 22.—A worthless check for \$2,750, drawn on the defunct Denver State Bank and signed "O. What Luck" was accepted in Kansas City, Mo., March 8, in payment for an automobile, passed through the Kansas City Clearing House banks and was discovered to be worthless only when it reached Denver. A. McMillan, executive officer for the affairs of the defunct bank.

ARREST GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA ON BRIBERY CHARGE

Chief Executive Gives Bond of \$5,000 For Appearance At Trial

GRAND JURY RETURNS MANY INDICTMENTS

Governor Robertson and State Bank Examiner Alleged To Have Loaned State Funds to Insolvent Bank And To Have Received Kick-Off Later.

Oklahoma, Okla., March 22.—Governor Robertson of Oklahoma, submitted to arrest here tonight on a charge of accepting a bribe to permit operation of the Guaranty State Bank of Oklahoma, while it was in an alleged insolvent condition. The governor immediately gave bond of \$5,000 for his appearance at trial.

Governor Robertson with Fred G. Dennis, former state banking commissioner and several local capitalists, were named in indictments returned yesterday by the grand jury which investigated failures of state banks in Oklahoma county. The grand jury charged that alleged questionable manipulations had been conducted by a state bank, said to be insolvent and were continued after its purchase by another state bank here, culminating in the failure of the institution.

Both Governor Robertson and Mr. Dennis were charged with accepting a bribe to permit the guaranty state bank lease to continue to operate after, it was alleged, they knew it was insolvent.

The indictments against the local men, all active officers in the two banks, accepting a bribe, bribing an officer, receiving deposits in an insolvent bank, perjury and borrowing money while acting as bank officers. All the defendants late today had appeared and given bond pending their trial, except Dennis and four men reported to be out of the city, two of whom are believed to have fled to Texas and Hoffman.

CHARGED THAT MONEY WAS LOANED ILLEGALLY

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 22.—J. E. A. Robertson, Democrat, fourth Governor of Oklahoma, accused of loaning January 1, 1919.

In a report returned by a legislative committee on March 31 last the Governor was charged with having accepted a bribe for misuse of his official powers in connection with illegal transactions involving the Guaranty State Bank of Oklahoma. His impeachment was recommended but the committee report failed of adoption by a tie vote of 42 to 42.

The report mentioned the Governor, Fred Dennis, then state banking commissioner and John H. Rebold of Oklahoma vice-president and a large stockholder in the Guaranty State Bank. The report declared that the bank was nearing insolvency in the fall of 1920, and that Dennis in an attempt to save the institution deposited \$160,000 of State money. The same day Rebold gave Dennis a check for \$25,000, of which Dennis later gave the Governor one-third, according to the report. The money paid Dennis was said to have been "for an oil lease sold by Dennis and the Governor."

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR JOHNSTON FAIR

Smithfield, March 22.—The directors of the Johnston County Agricultural society met here Friday afternoon, and set the date for the 1922 Fair Oct. 31 Nov. 1, 2, and 3 are the days set apart for this coming event. The directors were all present except four, J. W. Stephenson, who has served as president of this organization for several years tendered his resignation, but upon a motion by Mr. W. D. Ayers, seconded by Dr. E. J. Noble, he was unanimously re-elected to this position.

At this meeting the office of Secretary-treasurer was separated, C. V. Johnson being made treasurer and C. I. Powers, secretary. The treasurer will receive a salary of \$100 per year, and the secretary \$500.

The president selected the following executive committee: Dr. E. J. Noble, Henry W. D. Ayers, F. H. Brooks, C. M. Wilson and E. L. Jones. The finance committee was named as follows: Mervin C. M. Wilson, F. H. Brooks and Dr. E. J. Noble.

The man who sticks to livestock wins in the long run. Men who sell their sheep the last few years wish they had them back now.