

RUMORS OF UPRISING FOR TODAY, BIRTHDAY OF FORMER EMPEROR

Heavy Patrols of Soldiers Guard Government Buildings in Berlin - All Traffic in Streets Stopped - Attack On Minister Erzberger Prompted Mobilization of Forces.

(By The Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—Heavy patrols of soldiers guarded the Government buildings during the past night and stopped all traffic over streets in that neighborhood where barricades were thrown up by the troops before nightfall. Rumors were heard during the evening that monarchists had planned an uprising today, which is the birthday of former Emperor William and that Gustav Noske, minister of defense, had massed troops as a precautionary measure.

While government officials have denied any knowledge of an intended insurrection and say the attack on Matthias Erzberger, minister of finance, yesterday, prompted the mobilization of forces, it is declared the authorities sought to forestall action on the part of the supporters of the imperial regime. It was reported last night that attacks against the independent socialists and radicals were planned as the first step in the monarchist coup.

Deep indignation over the attack on Herr Erzberger was expressed in a proclamation issued last night, the attempted assassination being called a "criminal excess of political warfare."

HOLDING POTATOES IN STORAGE

(By The Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, WASH., Jan. 27.—Investigation conducted by the United States department of justice has disclosed that thousands of tons of potatoes are held at Yakima, Wash., and at points near Seattle by growers who are waiting for higher prices. Ben L. Moore, United States district attorney, announced here today.

No steps can be taken against the growers, Mr. Moore said, as the Lever food control act expressly exempts them from its provisions. Potatoes are listed to dealers at \$100 a ton here.

SENSATION EXPECTED IN SOCIALIST TRIAL

(By The Associated Press.)

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Resumption today of the trial of the five suspended socialist assemblymen charged with disloyalty was expected to develop "sensations."

Counsel for the assembly judiciary committee which is conducting the trial, have announced they plan to go "over the top" with most of their evidence this week.

In preparation for their threatened brief but violent attack, they spent the week-end inspecting their documentary evidence and selecting their most potent "bombs."

In meeting this attack the defense will be led by Seymour Stedman, of Chicago, Morris Hillquit, chief counsel who directed operations last week, has been forced to return to Saranac Lake because of his health and is not expected to reach Albany at least before the end of this week. A fourth effort in the house to re-seat the quirked failed last night when a memorial from the New York City Bar Association opposing the suspension was introduced.

PICHON IN NEWSPAPER GAME.

(By The Associated Press.)

PARIS, Jan. 27.—Stephen Pichon, former minister of foreign affairs, has been appointed president of the syndicate of Parisian newspapers, succeeding the late Jean Dupuy.

SUFFRAGE CONVENTION OPENS.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 27.—The fifth annual convention of the North Carolina Equal Suffrage Association will open here this afternoon with a memorial service to the late Dr. Anna Howard Shaw.

The suffragists will hold a banquet tonight at which Chief Justice Walter Clark of the North Carolina supreme court, will be the chief speaker. Sessions of the convention will continue through Wednesday.

GOMPERS' BIRTHDAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was 70 years old today. He spent most of the day at his office.

FOR GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL TWO YEARS MORE

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Continuation of governmental control of the railroads for at least two years was asked of President Wilson again today by representatives of farmers' organizations, the American Federation of Labor, and the fur big railroad brotherhoods. A large delegation, composed of many of the same persons who called at the white house last December 17, went to the executive offices with a letter for the president.

Sentiment in favor of government operation, the letter said, has increased during the six weeks since the first request was made, "until we can accurately state that this is the predominant desire of the farmers and of organized labor forces of most of the states of the union."

The return of the roads, the letter declared, would involve an increase in freight rates of 25 to 40 per cent, "since an additional revenue of close to a billion dollars will be needed," which would mean, it was added, "an increase in the cost of living, as estimated by your director general of railroads of at least four billion dollars."

ILLINOIS WOMEN ARE PROBABLY NOT GOUGED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—The Illinois women's fair price commission, which distributed 25,000 blank "complaint" cards, received only ten replies from women who believed they were victims of profiteers, Mrs. Joseph T. Brown, head of the commission, announced today. Twenty cards bearing vague information and charges were returned to the United States district attorney's office. One card carried a long complaint about the price of humming birds and another protested against profiteering in skunks.

"There are three reasons I can think of for this poor response to the complaint campaign," Mrs. Bowen said. "First public resentment over high prices may have been over-estimated. Second, people who believe their dealer is gouging them would rather pay the excess than run the risk of being called as a witness in a court prosecution. Third, dealers have threatened that informants will be blacklisted and repaid for turning in complaints by having their service and credit cut down."

USING AIRPLANES TO SEARCH FOR CRAFT

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Owners of the small steamer Sidney O. Neff, today planned to use airplanes in searching for the craft which was swept out into the lake with breaking ice packs after having been held prisoner for more than a week. In an all night search by coast guards and lighthouse keepers with powerful searchlights failed to locate the vessel.

To the mystery surrounding the whereabouts of six men, five of whom were members of the Neff's crew, who tried to reach the boat by walking the four miles over breaking ice, today was added that of a seventh man. Nothing had been heard from Edward Williams, a photographer, since he started for the Neff.

Whether all seven reached the Neff or fell into open water between the ice floes probably would not be known, coast guards said, until the Neff was spoken. The keeper of the four mile crib said that he failed to see the men arrive at the boat, despite a careful watch with long range glasses.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IN TWENTY STATES.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Influenza is now prevalent generally throughout 20 states, the public health service announced today, and has made its appearance in a number of others.

Two thousand new cases in Michigan were reported today, while Kansas City reported 36 deaths directly attributed to the disease. Many new cases also were reported by New York city and the disease also is scattered through the northern part of New York state.

States through which the disease is well scattered include California, North Dakota, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Ohio, Utah, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Mississippi.

ARMINGTON HOTEL TO BUILD ADDITION

Improvements and Additions Costing Over \$100,000 Authorized - Will Be 56 Rooms Added - Whole Interior of Hotel to Be Refurnished and Renovated.

So great has been the increase in business and patronage of the Armington Hotel during the past few months that it has become necessary to add an annex to the hotel. Plans have already been drawn and work will soon start on an addition of 50 rooms, which together with other improvements to be made will represent an outlay of \$100,000 to \$125,000.

There will be an addition to the side and rear, three stories high, containing 36 rooms. A small ell running back from the hotel will be worked over so as to give 20 additional rooms. Part of the ground floor facing on Long avenue is to be utilized for show-room and display purposes, said Mr. C. C. Armstrong, secretary and treasurer of the corporation. All the rooms to be added will have private baths.

In addition to the improvements mentioned the whole hotel will undergo renovation and refurnishing. All the rooms will be repainted, kalsomined and done over. Several of the large rooms in the hotel will be refurnished out and out.

For many weeks, past Manager A. A. Armstrong has been forced to turn away guests night after night. It was reported a few nights ago that guests were forced to sleep in the lobby.

This step on the part of the management is but another indication of their intention to keep Gastonia hotel facilities to the top notch and in keeping with the mammoth strides the city is making along every other line. Col. C. B. Armstrong is president, Mr. A. J. Q. Kale vice-president and Mr. A. A. Armstrong, manager of the Armington.

GASTONIA COTTON COMPANY NEW FIRM FOR CITY

Messrs. C. C. Armstrong and Plato Durham Form Partnership For General Brokerage Business - Office in Adams Building.

The Gastonia Cotton Company is the name of the city's newest concern for handling cotton. The firm is composed of Messrs. C. C. Armstrong and Plato Durham, two of the city's experienced cotton men. Mr. Armstrong is actively connected with the Armstrong mills and has long been a prominent factor in cotton circles in the city. Mr. Durham has been for some time with W. L. Balthus & Company, Cotton.

The new firm has offices on the third floor of the Adams building, over the J. L. Adams drug store. They will do a general cotton brokerage business.

MARTENS TO EXAMINE HIS INSTRUCTIONS

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The senate investigating committee, before which Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, "ambassador" from soviet Russia, has been testifying as to his activities in the United States, adjourned its session until Thursday. Adjournment was taken primarily to permit Martens to examine his records with the view of submitting to the committee copies of instructions from the Russian soviet government under which he was operating.

Former Senator Hardwick, of Georgia, attorney for the soviet bureau, promised the committee to submit either the originals of the actual governmental instructions or sworn translations.

TO RESUME TREATY FIGHT ON FLOOR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—With the failure of the bi-partisan conference to effect a compromise, the peace treaty ratification fight will be resumed on the floor of the senate.

The conference came to an abrupt end yesterday when the democrats left the session after Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, republican leader, declared there could be no change in the reservations regarding the Monroe doctrine and article ten. The democrats announced they would reply to the republican leader today.

If no progress can be made in conference toward establishing a middle ground on which the factions can get together, the democrats are understood to have decided to draw up modifications to the treaty and call for a vote on the floor of the senate.

MEREDITH OF IOWA, WILL SUCCEED D. F. HOUSTON

Well Known Publisher of Farm Journals Will Be Secretary of Agriculture, Vice David F. Houston.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Edwin T. Meredith, of Iowa, editor of "Successful Farming" will be named secretary of agriculture, to succeed Secretary Houston, who is to become secretary of the treasury in the place of Carter Glass.

Mr. Meredith, who is at Miami, Fla., telegraphed the white house today accepting the office. He is 54 years old and his home is in Des Moines. Before starting "Successful Farming" he was the publisher of the Farmers' Tribune. He was a candidate for United States Senator in 1914 and for Governor of Iowa in 1916.

President Wilson was expected to send the nominations of both Mr. Houston and Mr. Meredith to the senate today. As soon as Secretary Houston qualifies Mr. Glass will take his seat in the senate to succeed the late Senator Martin, of Virginia.

HOUSTON MAY BE NEW SECRETARY

Secretary of Agriculture May Be Transferred to Treasury Portfolio - Announcement Expected Today.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—President Wilson probably will send to the senate today the nomination of a secretary of the treasury to succeed Carter Glass. While not confirmed officially, it was said by those who professed to know, that the nominee would be Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture, although previous speculation had not included his name. Assistant Secretary Leffingwell had been foremost among those mentioned to succeed Mr. Glass, who has accepted an appointment as senator from Virginia.

Secretary Houston was reported as being willing to accept the treasuryship. Should he be nominated, it would be the first transfer of a cabinet officer from one department to another during President Wilson's administration, although there have been a number of resignations.

PRESIDENT SELECTS NEW SECRETARY OF TREASURY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—President Wilson has selected a secretary of the treasury to succeed Carter Glass, and his nomination is expected to be sent to the senate within a day or two.

At the white house it was said today that the President had chosen a man whose name had not been included among those mentioned in public discussion of possible successors to Mr. Glass. They included Assistant Secretary Leffingwell, former Representative Swager Sherley, of Kentucky, Bernard M. Baruch, and Governor Harding, of the Federal reserve board.

Mr. Glass will take his seat in the senate to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Martin of Virginia, as soon as his successor has qualified.

ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL UP NEXT WEEK

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Although Chairman Wadsworth announced he probably would report the measure today, because other matters are pending it was not believed the new army reorganization bill ordered favorably reported yesterday by the senate military committee would be called up in the senate before next week. The bill, designed to create a permanent military policy, provides for compulsory military training for boys between the ages of 18 and 21, inclusive, this provision having been included by a 9 to 5 vote of the committee late yesterday.

The bill as finally agreed upon, its sponsors claim, will cut in half the annual expenditures for the military establishment. It is radically different from the reorganization bill submitted by the war department, but is virtually in the same form reported from the subcommittee. Besides the compulsory training feature it provides for the establishment of one army to be divided into a citizen army composed of men who have received the compulsory training, a standing army consisting of 280,000 enlisted men and 18,000 officers, and the national guard. Specific provision prohibits the citizen army being called to the colors except in case of war.

All youths who have undergone the four months training would be placed on the reserve list, but would be subject to two weeks training annually. During training their dependents would receive allowances similar to those now provided under the war risk insurance act.

NEWBERRY CASE PROMISES TO BE ONE MOST NOTABLE IN MICHIGAN LEGAL ANNALS

United States Senator and 123 Prominent Michigan Men Charged With Conspiracy, Fraud and Corruption - Trial May Last From Four Weeks to Two Months - Notable Case.

(By The Associated Press.)

SOUTHERN CATTLE MEN IN SESSION

(By The Associated Press.)

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 27.—Hundreds of stockmen, from practically every southern state and many middle western states attended the eighth annual convention of the Southern Cattlemen's Association, which convened here today. Official welcoming speeches by Mayor William A. Gunter, Jr., and J. H. DeWees, president of the chamber of commerce, and a response by J. F. Jackson, of Savannah, Ga., were first on the program.

The delegation of stockmen was augmented by planters, especially of Alabama, who are showing interest in cattle production, prominent business men and bankers of the state and a large corps of officials and inspectors of the bureau of animal industry of the department of agriculture. Among the latter group are Dr. B. A. Ramsey, in charge of tick eradication work in the south, and Dr. George Rommel, chief of the bureau of animal industry.

The program of the first session called for annual reports by John Elledge, of Gregory, Ark., president, and Dr. R. M. Gow, of Little Rock, secretary of the association, dealing with the executive details of the work.

DEATHS FROM FLU IN CHICAGO CONTINUE

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Health officials today found a ray of hope in the influenza situation despite predicting at the same time that deaths from that disease and pneumonia reported today probably would surpass the high record, 166, established yesterday. Deaths yesterday they said, were last week's harvest, new cases of influenza on three days going above 2,000. The doctors pointed to a drop yesterday to 1,616 new cases of influenza and 367 of pneumonia as indicating that the attack of the diseases was waning.

A shortage of trained nurses which has handicapped health authorities in their efforts to control the epidemic was relieved today by the announcement that 13,800 red cross nurses trained during the war had been requested to report for duty.

The red cross also announced that 1,400 children trained for sick room duty were available and that 300 women had been released from staff duties to help combat the spread of influenza and pneumonia.

ABANDON GRAHAM ANTI-SEDITION MEASURE

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—With the apparent abandonment of the Graham-Sterling anti-sedition measure, the house judiciary committee was today expected to report a less drastic bill, drawn by Representative Husted, republican, New York. Its provisions are virtually identical with those included in the Davey measure, which was introduced at the suggestion of Attorney General Palmer.

Continued opposition to the pending measures because of the drastic provisions forced the rules committee to withhold permission for legislative preference. Instead of amending the Graham measure, substituted by the house in place of the Sterling bill, which has passed the senate, the committee has decided it was said, to report out a new measure.

WON'T TURN SOLDIERS OVER TO CIVIL OFFICERS

(By The Associated Press.)

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 26.—On a return served on Sheriff McCain, of Richland county Monday afternoon, General George W. Read, commander of Camp Jackson, declined to turn over to the civil authorities the four soldiers under arrest for the killing of William Chaplain, who was killed on Monday of last week by a shot fired into the back of an automobile in which he was riding, and for the shooting into another car. General Read states that they will be tried by military court martial.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Jan. 27.—United States Senator Truman H. Newberry and 123 men prominent in Michigan politics went on trial in federal district court here today charged with conspiracy, fraud and corruption in the 1915 senatorial election. The importance of the issue involved, the prominence of most of the defendants and the imposing array of legal talent presaged one of the most notable cases in the legal annals of the state.

Of the 135 men indicted by the federal grand jury last November, nine have entered pleas of nolo contendere, the case of one has been continued owing to illness and another, upon whom service has not been obtained, was said to be in South America. Twenty-three pleaded "not guilty" and 101 stood mute when arraigned.

The government's case was in charge of Frank C. Dailey, former United States district attorney at Indianapolis, who prosecuted the Terre Haute election cases. Martin W. Littleton, who last week withdrew as counsel for the New York assembly committee trying the five suspended socialist assemblymen, headed the legal forces of the defense, which are said to number about 50.

Aside from the defendants, the 135 veniremen, attorneys, court attaches and nine newspaper men, few were able to gain admittance to the opening sessions of the trial and the little court room of Judge C. W. Sessions had to be rearranged to seat these.

The possible duration of the trial was variously estimated at from four weeks to two months.

DANIELS TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A list of 114 naval officers designated by Secretary Daniels to receive war service decorations without action by the Knight board was transmitted by the secretary today to Chairman Hale, of the senate naval affairs committee, which is investigating the whole subject of naval awards. It supplements a list of enlisted men sent to the committee yesterday.

The list of officers showed eight distinguished service medals were awarded by the secretary on his own initiative. The recipients included Rear Admiral William S. Benson, chief of operations during the war; Rear Admiral W. L. Capps, a member of the war industries board, and Thomas A. Edison, president of the naval consulting board. The others with the exception of that awarded to Lieutenant Commander Daniel T. Ghent, who commanded the transport Antilles when she was sunk by a submarine October 17, 1917, went to officers who directed the mine sweeping operations in the North Sea.

Of the 106 navy crosses, 90 were awarded to officers who served with the mine sweeping forces that cleaned up the north sea barrage. This work, the secretary explained, was not completed in time to permit consideration of suitable awards by the Knight board. The remaining navy crosses went to transport commanders, submarine, destroyer and aviation officers.

Secretary Daniels will appear before the committee on Friday, when the inquiry in the decoration awards is resumed, the date having been changed from Thursday at the secretary's request.

ADDITIONAL CREDIT FOR POLISH RELIEF

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Secretary Glass expected to meet the republican steering committee today to explain the need for additional credit of \$150,000,000 for food relief in Poland, Austria and Armenia. It also was expected he would renew his request for strictest economy in departmental appropriations for 1921.

The steering committee last week directed the ways and means committee not to report the pending bill granting the necessary relief money. It is understood that should the plan of \$150,000,000 be rejected, a compromise move will be made, carrying \$50,000,000, the total profits made by the grain corporation during the war, which would be granted as a loan.