

PEACE STEP FUTILE, HITCHCOCK ARGUES

Congress Hasn't Power to Declare War Ended, Nebraskan Tells Senate

ATTACKS KNOX RESOLUTION

By the Associated Press
Washington, May 12.—Democratic attack upon the Republican peace resolution was launched today by Senator Hitchcock, administration spokesman, who declared in addressing the Senate that the measure was futile and inconsistent and inimical to the treaty of Versailles.

"Great expectations for an act of Congress that would force a peace settlement to be disappointed," he said. "High hopes that a resolution by Congress could be made to perform the functions of a peace treaty are abandoned. Instead of a peace treaty to be forced by a resolution of mandatory requirements as the price of severing commercial relations, we are merely to repeal the war declaration, declare the war at an end and invite the President to negotiate a separate peace."

Mr. Hitchcock cited three similar resolutions which he said, had been sponsored since last November by Senator Lodge and Senator Knox, author of the pending resolution. The latter, Mr. Hitchcock said, is the fifth peace resolution offered by the Republican leadership.

Denies Congress Can Make Peace
"In reaching this important conclusion," he said of the pending measure, "the supporters of the novel plan have staggered from side to side over a zigzag course for nearly six months."

Senator Hitchcock denied that Congress has the power to make peace, although it has authority to declare war. The states voted unanimously against Congress peace-making jurisdiction, he said.

Senator Knox's recent argument that the war actually was at an end was dismissed summarily by Mr. Hitchcock, who conceded the point, and asked: "Then why this resolution? Hostilities ceased eighteen months ago and our army was promptly demobilized and returned to a peace basis. Since that time commerce has been resumed. We have sold hundreds of millions of dollars worth of products to Germany and purchased much from her. The war which the senator from Pennsylvania proposes to end by this resolution does not, by his own admission, exist. His able argument and historical citations prove that it ended months ago."

Declares Knox Move Futile
"What, then, is the senator from Pennsylvania attempting to do by this measure, which he calls a resolution to terminate the war? He is making an utterly futile and hopeless attempt to make a peace settlement with Germany to take the place of the Versailles treaty."

"Instead of declaring peace the Knox resolution declares the war at an end. Thus we have raised the important distinction between declaring peace and declaring war at an end. What is the difference?"
The peace resolution adopted by the House last month was denounced especially by Mr. Hitchcock because of its proposals for an embargo against Germany within forty-five days in event of German objections to the resolution and its provision for reserving rights under the treaty.
"In the House resolution," he said,

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UNDERWOOD WINNER, RETURNS INDICATE

Birmingham, Ala., May 12.—(By A. P.)—Returns from yesterday's primary, held by the Birmingham Age-Herald, indicate the renomination of Senator Oscar W. Underwood to succeed himself and a close three-cornered race for the seat of the late Senator Bankhead. Representative Heintz, Frank White and former Governor O'Neal are the contenders for the short term with the figures running very close.

Returns available so far show only the renomination of Representative Huddleston, of Birmingham, for his seat in the House of Representatives. The figures respecting the other nine congressional contests had not been gathered. According to the Age-Herald returns, Mugrove, the union labor candidate against Senator Underwood, developed unexpected strength in Underwood's home county and in central and northern parts of the state.

Underwood was a special object of an attack by organized labor during the campaign, speakers from outside states taking part in the political assault.

A. M. PALMER SUMMONED

Caminetti Also Called as Witness Against Post
Washington, May 12.—Representative P. I. Campbell, of Kansas, chairman of the House rules committee, has requested A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general, and Anthony Caminetti, commissioner general of immigration, to answer charges that they had violated the law in the execution of the statutes for the arrest and deportation of alien radicals.

Mr. Campbell indicated the investigation into the conduct of Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of labor, in connection with deportations, would not cease until the administration's campaign against the Reds had been given a thorough airing.

BLOCKS SAN JUAN HARBOR

Grounded Army Transport Reported Resting Easily
Washington, May 12.—(By A. P.)—San Juan harbor has been closed by the grounding of the army transport Northern Pacific at its entrance, according to a radiogram received here from the Porto Rican port. The coast guard service announced today that the cutter Yamacraw had been sent to the aid of the Northern Pacific.

General Pershing, who was returning to the United States from Panama on the vessel, and other passengers were taken off yesterday.

D. OF L. NOMINATE OFFICERS

Atlantic City, May 12.—Mrs. Julia Walther, of Millville, N. J., was nominated for state councilor at yesterday's session of the annual convention of the Sons and Daughters of Liberty of New Jersey, and Mrs. Gertrude Romary, of Paterson, was nominated for vice councilor. Neither will have opposition at the election today. There are two nominees for secretary, Willard Hayward, of Newark, incumbent, and George MacFarlane, of Trenton. There are also two nominees for treasurer, Harry Christine, of Washington, N. J., and Edward Wolf Kiel, of Jersey City.

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WOULD LIGHTEN TAXES

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Indianapolis, May 12.—Sounding the keynote for the Republican campaign in Indiana, Senator Watson, temporary chairman of the party's state convention today outlined five principles on which he said the contest should be waged.

The senator, who has been mentioned for chairmanship of the resolutions committee of the national Republican convention, put foremost "restoration of a republican form of government to the country," declaring that, "spurred by necessities of war and urged by executive demands, we all but created an autocracy in our country during the last three years."

Lightening of federal taxation was the second task for the Republicans, he said, and specified the repeal of the excess profits levy.

Would Destroy Bolshevism
"We must either destroy bolshevism or it will destroy us," he said, in setting forth the third point. Extreme radicalism, he asserted, had "stealthily entrenched itself in public places and the enemies of our government are today filling many of the most prominent positions in our government."

President Wilson himself is largely responsible for this situation," Mr. Watson said.

"Our regard is altogether too tender for the George Creels, and the George Herrons, the William Bullitts and the Lincoln Steffenses, the Louis Potts and the Frederick Howes and the Frank Walshes, and for a whole regiment of their ilk and kind who have done, and are doing, more to scatter seeds of sedition among our people than all other forces combined, for they give to anarchy and riot a sort of official respectability."

Touching the high cost of living, Senator Watson favored a Republican statement that "work is the one remedy, the steadfast co-operation of capital and labor forging ahead to the fixed goal of production," while for his fourth point he urged deflation of currency.

"The Republican party stands committed to the policy of exhausting every governmental remedy to restore and maintain more friendly relations in the industrial enterprises of our land," he said in stating the fifth point.

No revision of the tariff will be needed, the senator said, until normal conditions return. He characterized President Wilson's Mexican policy as "resulting to the discredit of his administration and the humiliation and disgust of every red-blooded American."

U. S. Rights Outraged by Mexico
"American rights are outraged every day in that land," he said, "and American blood still cries out unappreciated from the soil. A Republican administration will never permit so vexatious a situation to exist without having the courage to take steps necessary to settle it."

Reviewing findings of congressional committees on war expenses, Senator Watson said the government had wasted in every department.

Spurred by war necessities, Senator Watson said, Congress voted power to the President until "the good clothed with greater authority than any other ruler of the earth," which had been

used "always and everywhere to strengthen his party and fasten its hold on the country."

Police at Sea on Murder

Killing of "Big Jim" Colosimo in Restaurant Puzzles Chicago Sleuths

Chicago, May 12.—(By A. P.)—The murder of James "Big Jim" Colosimo, proprietor of a restaurant famous in Chicago's night life and patron of music, remained a mystery today despite examination of probably score of suspects. Colosimo was killed near the entrance to his cafe late yesterday by a person who escaped apparently unscathed. He usually was attended by a

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body guard, the police said, and a pistol was found in his pocket.

At least four theories were advanced by the police: That relatives or friends of his former wife, recently divorced, were involved; that Colosimo was a "Black Hand" victim; that his death marked a step in the labor and gunmen war started with the murder of Maurice "Boss" Earlight, or that one of his

many known enemies made during Colosimo's rise from railroad track laborer to wealthy political and Tenderloin leader, was responsible. The first person to be questioned after the shooting was Mrs. Dale Winter Colosimo, his young bride, formerly a singer at the restaurant. She was at home when her husband was shot, the police said.

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