

NEW PROBLEMS HOLD REPORTS OF PEACE BOARDS

League of Nations Commission Not Delaying the Peace Treaty

By Associated Press. Paris, March 24.—While all the commission worked hard during last week to comply with the desire of the council of ten to have all their reports ready by March 20 some of them were prevented from accomplishing their tasks by the development of unexpected issues and by the necessity of co-ordinating their work with that of other commissions.

The council of ten appears to be anxious that it should be known that it is not the delay in the completion of the work of the commission of the League of Nations that is holding back the peace treaty.

Other commissions handling subjects even more essential to the treaty itself are working simultaneously, and any one of them may be held responsible for the delay.

Difference Over Damages
The reparations commission has finally agreed what Germany can and must pay, but a contentious difficult settlement has arisen as to the allotment of damages to the different allied nations and over the preferential treatment claimed by some countries.

The League of Nations commission, which will resume consideration of the covenant article by article today, still has to dispose of the proposed amendments by the French regarding the maintenance of a force to protect members of the league from sudden attacks, and by the Japanese for equality of treatment of the nationals of all league members.

President Wilson, it is said, intends himself to propose some amendments, one of which is supposed to relate to the Monroe doctrine. It was said here that Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, had declined to submit on his own responsibility amendments on this and other subjects.

The President is said to be relying on Attorney General Gregory and Lord Robert Cecil, of the British delegation, to frame some amendment to meet the demands in America, so far as they are interpreted in Paris. The main difficulty has been to find phrasing which is likely to be acceptable to the other delegations.

A subject of smaller importance that is taking a large place in the minds of some of the delegates is the location of the headquarters of the League of Nations. Sharp rivalry for this honor has made it necessary to refer the question to a special sub-committee.

TRIES TO ROB STORES
Two attempted holdups of grocers of near Camp Hill, were reported on Saturday evening, raising the total number within the past several months to fourteen. A colored highwayman fled from the store of Calvin Sechrist, near the old toll gate, when a neighbor entered. The second store entered was that of J. H. Bowers, of Washington Heights.

The highwayman, believed to have been the same one that entered the Sechrist store, fled when assistance called by a boy employe, arrived. State police and the Harrisburg police department, have been notified.



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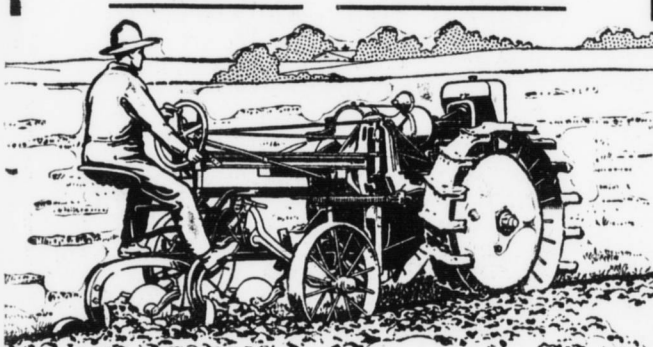
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DEMOCRATS TO BLAME FOR BILLS CONGRESS FAILED

Their Delay in Pushing Measures Is Cause; Not Filibustering

Special to the Telegraph

Washington, Pa., March 24.—That the failure of the great appropriation bills and other important legislation to pass the last session of Congress was directly and solely due to Democratic tardiness and not to dilatory tactics or filibustering, is being charged here following the statement of President Wilson that a "group of men in the Senate" have chosen to embarrass the administration.

The failure of the committees in Congress, controlled and dominated in every instance by Democrats, to report these bills to the House and to the Senate for their consideration is being pointed to as the real reason by those in touch with the situation at the capital.

Within a few moments after the adjournment of Congress, March 4, the President issued this statement which began as follows:

"A group of men in the Senate have deliberately chosen to embarrass the administration of the government, to imperil the financial interests of the country, and to make arbitrary use of powers intended to be employed in the interest of the people."

When Mr. Wilson opened the last session of the last Congress on December 8, he notified members of the Congress that he was leaving at once for Paris and a tour of Europe, and that he had no time to make any recommendations to it regarding domestic legislation. The same afternoon he left Washington for Europe. He did not return to the country until one week before the adjournment of Congress, so that he was not in the United States during the entirety of the last session of Congress. Because of this, he has not been at all conversant with the facts.

The President referred especially to the failure of the general deficiency bill, which carried with it among other items, appropriations for the Federal Railroad Administration, and he alleges in his statement that the failure to pass this bill "imperiled the financial interests of the country." This bill was not reported to the Senate until late in the day, Saturday, March 1, which rendered its discussion impossible until Monday, March 3, within thirty-six hours of the time Congress adjourned. The bill carried appropriations aggregating \$24,000,000. One of the items was an appropriation of \$750,000,000 asked for by the Federal Railroad Administration to meet a deficit created by the Democratic Administration's operation of railroads. It also called for \$20,000,000 to be used by the Shipping Board for the purchase and requisition of ships.

Where the Delay Occurred
That this bill did not come from the Democratic House to the Senate until late on the day of March 1, was directly due to the incompetence of the Democratic majority in the House, as, under the rules in that body, legislation cannot be brought without delay in event the majority wishes it.

Other appropriation bills which failed of passage were: the \$1,250,000,000 Army appropriation bill carrying with it legislation for revision of the Articles of War and affecting the future military policy of the United States; the \$750,000,000 Navy appropriation bill, carrying with it legislation affecting the future naval policy of the United States; the sundry civil bill carrying appropriations aggregating \$20,000,000, and with it legislation affecting the merchant marine of the United States; the agricultural appropriation bill calling for \$900,000.

The Democratic majority in the House had the Army appropriation bill nearly three months before they sent it to the Senate. The records show that it was not passed by the House until February 25, only seven days prior to the legal expiration of the Congress. It then had to be considered in committee before being reported to the Senate for action. According to a statement made in the Senate by Senator New of the Senate committee on military affairs, that committee worked every minute day and night in an effort to get it in shape to report to the Senate for final action. The \$250,000,000 naval appropriation bill was in the House for over two months before it was sent to the Senate.

Both the Army and Navy appropriation bills carried with them, in violation of legislative procedure, new legislation. They not only authorized the expenditure of \$2,000,000,000 in the aggregate, but they committed the nation to military and naval policy affecting the future generations very vitally. The naval bill vested in the President of the United States autocratic powers that were not vested in him even in times of war.

Other bills failed of passage for the same reason.

Central Penna. Boys Will Reach Home Today on the North Carolina

New York, March 24.—A wireless message to the Associated Press from the U. S. S. North Carolina, announces that the vessel which is bringing 72 officers and 1,400 troops from France will dock here at noon today.

Units on board, according to the message, include the 103d trench mortar battery, part of the 28th (Keystone) division, the 33rd aero squadron, 6 casual officers, and convalescent casualties from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and other states. Thirty of these boys with the 103d trench mortar battery are from Tyrone alone. Others are scattered throughout the central part of the State. Tyrone is planning a celebration when the boys return to their home town.

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SPECIAL TRAIN TO BRING CROWD

Philadelphia Charter Revisionists Are Coming in Force For Tomorrow's Hearing

A special train will bring the Philadelphia people here to speak for the charter revision bill tomorrow. John C. Winston will make the chief argument. In the evening, Senator George Woodward will give a dinner at the Harrisburg club to Senators to discuss the bill.

Things will not be pleasant for the member of the House who is not around or who votes against the reconsideration of the Bolard bill to require legal advertisements to be printed only in English newspapers, which is due to be taken up tonight. The absentees have been making inquiries and have found a disposition to insist on voting.

Ex-Congressman Michael Donahoe, a Philadelphia Democrat, has been named to the Philadelphia Board of real estate assessors. Magistrate E. K. Borie, another Democrat, and John C. Hinkley, a Republican, have also been named.

At Philadelphia it is said that Representative William J. Brady intends to introduce a fourth bill affecting election conditions in Philadelphia. This will provide that the County Commissioners may not change the location of polling places in the city if the majority of electors in the district affected sign a petition, vouching for by an affidavit by one of them, opposing the change. The Penrose people complain that on the basis of the present law the County Commissioners in the last election changed several polling places in Penrose wards on petitions signed by a few bare adherents in the ward. It is understood an agreement over the three Brady bills at present in the Legislature, which provide considerable change in the election law, has been reached between the Penrosees, who oppose them, and important State leaders who objected to some of the items.

Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer also, Democratic national committee man from Pennsylvania, has been asked to take a hand in legislation. The Democratic representation in the Legislature having been reduced under Palmer-McCormick-Joe Guffey management to the lowest in years not much has been heard of the minority. Mr. Palmer was asked to urge Democratic members of the Legislature to give their support for the Philadelphia charter revision bill. There are no Democrats in the Philadelphia delegation at all.

One of the jokes of the session is that the bill to increase salaries of legislators now about to pass the Senate was sponsored by an active Democrat, Representative W. K. West, of Danville.

Modern Woodmen Have 300 Per Cent. Increase in the Death Rate

Chicago, March 24.—As a result of a 300 per cent. increase in the death rate within the Modern Woodmen of America since November 1 last, according to a report of Head of the Society, Burt, the head of the society will meet here in special session March 25. Several proposals for increased insurance rates were considered. Burt is expected to take care of a deficit of \$4,518,465.85 for 1917-1918, according to Head Banker O. E. Aleshire.

Gives Life in Burning Home Trying to Save Brother

Philadelphia, March 24.—Lillian Weiss, 17 years old, vainly sacrificed her life, yesterday, in an attempt to rescue her brother Joseph, 29 years old, from their burning home, at 708 North Front street.

The girl was dead from suffocation when firemen carried her body from the fire-swept building. The boy, who still breathed, died in a police patrol before Hainemann Hospital was reached.

Miss Weiss had gotten safely out of the burning home, but plunged again into the flames, when she learned her brother was missing. She climbed a fire escape, in the rear, to the third floor, disregarding the pleasings of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Weiss, to see to her own safety.

TELLS OF IRELAND

The patronal feast of St. Patrick was marked by a solemn high mass and special services in St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday morning. The Rev. Guldrey, professor of ecclesiastical history at the Catholic College, Washington, delivered a sermon following the mass, in which he reviewed Ireland's efforts toward freedom.

POCOHONTAS OFFICERS CHOSEN

York Haven, Pa., Mar. 24.—Chiquita Council No. 217, Degree of Pochontas of the Red Men, elected the following officers last evening: Prophetess, Mrs. Florence Whisler; Pocohontas, Mrs. Jennie Crone; Wampum, Mrs. Clara Kasper; Keeper of records, Mrs. Elcinida Malchorn; keeper of wampum, Mrs. Lizzie Fout; collector of wampum, Mrs. Mary Whisler; Powhatan, William Rodes; guard of the forest, Miss Mary Jennings; pantress, Mrs. Sallie Rodes.

A POOR MARRIED MAN

Married Man, Pa., Mar. 24.—A poor married man, whose home talent production, was presented in Emigville, a few miles west of this place, on Saturday night under the auspices of the Acme Band, of this borough. The hall was crowded to its utmost. A number of local residents witnessed the performance.

FUEL EXPERT IS BEING TRIED BY COURT-MARTIAL

Tried to Sell U. S. and Great Britain Destructive Gases, It Is Charged

New York, March 24.—Captain Edwin G. Weisgerber, engineer corps, U. S. A., said to be one of the leading gas experts in this country, is being tried by court-martial at Governor's Island to-day, charged with offences committed during war time against the military services of Great Britain and the United States.

One charge is that he sought to sell to the British government a synthetic fuel, an ingredient of which is picric acid. Use of this fuel the War Department charges, would have resulted in the destruction of any internal combustion engine in the operation of which it might be employed.

Another charge is that he recommended the use of an interchangeable standardized pipe connection for oxygen containers, tanks and regulators. Had it been adopted the government alleges, dangerous consequences to life and property might have followed.

The charge is made by the government that the alleged acts of Captain Weisgerber were such as to demonstrate "his disloyalty to the government of the United States and his sympathy with its enemies."

Furthermore, Captain Weisgerber is accused of having threatened to withhold the use of his fuel inventions from the army and navy of the United States unless his enemies' friends were promoted to the rank of colonel.

U. S. Cavalrymen Get Cattle Stolen by Mexicans

Marfa, Tex., March 24.—Troops of the Eighth United States cavalry, under Captain Kloefer returned yesterday from a pursuit across the border of Mexican bandits, bringing with them thirty-five cattle and two horses which had been driven from Nueces by the raiders. Captain Kloefer reported that he had overtaken the Mexicans eighteen miles south of Ruidosa, and that five of them had been killed in the resulting skirmish. None of the Americans were hurt.

Two Mexicans were wounded in the fighting, making the casualties among the cattle raiders. Captain Kloefer reported that he had overtaken the Mexicans eighteen miles south of Ruidosa, and that five of them had been killed in the resulting skirmish. None of the Americans were hurt.

Natural History Society Finds Many Wild Flowers

Several weeks ago five individuals were claiming the honor of having found the first Hepatica, but any one who cares to walk through Wildwood Park can now see these first harbingers of spring in full bloom, says H. A. Ward, secretary of the Natural History Society in a statement today. Not the occasional one which the winter sunshine, warming the hillsides, opens its eyes. "Blue as the heaven it gazes at. Startling the loiterer in the naked groves.

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John Burroughs, "but nothing so fair as the first flower, the hepatica. It is certainly the gem of the woods; no two clusters alike; all shades and sizes. A solitary blue-purple one fully expanded and rising above the brown leaves, its cluster of minute anthers showing like a group of pale stars on its little firmament, is enough to arrest and hold the dullest eye. Then there are the sweet scented ones, you cannot tell which the fragrant ones are till you try them. Sometimes it is the large white ones, sometimes the large purple ones, sometimes the small pink ones. The odor is faint, and recalls that of the sweet violets." Those who accompanied the Harrisburg Natural History Society on its field excursion on Saturday afternoon found not only hepaticas, but quantities of blood root, spring beauties, saxifrage and training arbutus. They also saw fourteen varieties of birds, among them the Cardinal, Junco, Fox Sparrow, Hermit Thrush and Red Wing Blackbird.



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