



1.—Launching at Essex, Mass., of schooner Puritan, American contender in the first International Fishermen's race held last fall; America won the first and Canada the second. 2.—Republican House leaders who discussed with the President at the White House the bonus bill: (left to right) Mondell, Fordney, Turney, Campbell, Longworth, Fess. 3.—Viscount Peel, new British secretary of state for India, succeeding E. S. Montagu.

## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

### Four-Power Pacific Treaty Is Ratified by Senate After Bitter Debate.

### HOUSE PASSES BONUS BILL

President Orders American Army Home From Rhine and Hughes Notifies Allies They Must Pay Expense Bill—Mormon Unrest.

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN  
THE four-power Pacific treaty was ratified by the United States Senate Friday, March 24.

By agreement made ten days in advance the vote had been set for that date. It came as the climax to a week of strenuous oratory. The bitter debate was precipitated Monday when Senator Dorch (Republican of Idaho) read into the record a stenographic report of a statement attributed to Paul D. Grayson, "the representative of the Morgans and the Rysons," to the effect that the United States had entered into a secret agreement to cooperate with Great Britain against Japan in the Pacific. Senators Lodge and Underwood, Republican and Democrat respectively, and Secretary of State Hughes and Mr. Root were called before the foreign relations committee. At this point Senator Lodge said:

"This debate is proceeding upon the theory that the four American delegates were not only ignorant and incompetent but that they were prepared to betray their country. It is an implication against the honesty and patriotism of the President. I believe that they are as patriotic and as desirous of protecting the interests of their country as those who are slandered them by implication and insinuation. I will trust the people of the United States to stand by the President and the four delegates in this great conference."

Later Mr. Grayson emphatically denied the statement attributed to him. Secretary Hughes wrote a letter in which he said:

"In my letter to Senator Underwood on March 21st, in relation to the four-power treaty, I said: 'There are no secret notes or understandings.' 'I want to express the hope that the American delegates will be saved further suspicion upon their veracity and honor.'"

To the Map in the Street the astounding part of this is the fact that anyone should expect to get across with charges, direct or indirect, against either the honor or efficiency, the veracity or the patriotism of the four American delegates.

DENIAL of the "four billion dollar" bonus bill was accomplished by the House Thursday, March 23, by a vote of 355 to 70, four voting present. A two-thirds majority was necessary to pass the bill under a suspension of the rules.

The bonus bill was put through in accordance with a program announced the preceding Friday. Chairman Campbell of the bill committee submitted a resolution providing for suspension of the rules. Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee was recognized by the speaker for the offering of a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Four hours of debate followed, with time expired.

Any forecast of the treatment of the bill by the Senate is largely guesswork. Certain Republican senators have expressed opposition to the bill as reported to the House by the ways and means committee. It is claimed that the bill would be passed by the Senate with a provision setting forth the necessary taxation plan

to pay the bonus, which is omitted from the house bill. Some political prophets predict a deadlock between the two houses. Nobody pretends to be able to say whether or not President Harding will veto the bill.

President Harding, upon his return from a short vacation in Florida, was called upon Monday, March 20, at the White House by a delegation from the house: Floor Leader Mondell (Wyoming) and Representatives Fordney (Michigan), Turney (Iowa), Campbell (Kansas), Longworth (Ohio) and Fess (Ohio). They discussed bonus legislation for two hours, with this result, according to the official communique:

"The legislative situation relating to the bonus bill was fully presented to the President, with detailed explanation of the provisions which remove the menace of excessive drafts on the treasury in the immediate future and avoid any program of added taxation. The President, upon the entire situation with an appraisal of commitments made. He advised the committee that the legislation is a responsibility of congress, and in view of expressions previously made he did not think it essential to offer any recommendations."

The President's "expressions previously made" were recommendations of a sales tax to provide the revenue to pay the bonus or postponement of the passage of the measure until the funds were in hand. The delegation was divided as to whether the President would or would not veto the bill if passed.

Everybody was on hand when the House opened Monday and nobody seemed to know what Speaker Gilman intended to do. Speaker Gilman (Texas) asked that Monday be given two minutes to talk the status of the bonus bill. Campbell called for the regular order. The speaker announced that no one would be recognized that day to bring up the bill. Then there was a conference to the speaker's office. It got nowhere. The speaker held that he would not assume the responsibility of letting the bill come up until he had the express command of the majority members. Democratic members of the ways and means committee made a minority report which recast the bill all the financial, economic and political names on the calendar. Tuesday a definite program for the passage of the bill Thursday by the house under a suspension of the rules was announced by the Republican leaders.

PRESIDENT HARDING has ordered all American troops in Germany returned to the United States by July 1, the beginning of the 1923 fiscal year. This was the American government's first answer to the refusal of the allied reparation commission to pay its bill for \$241,000,000 for the expense of United States troops on the Rhine up to May 1, 1921, out of a billion dollars recently paid over by Germany. The allies argue this way: The allies are not bound by the Berlin treaty, just as the United States is not bound by the Versailles treaty. America's claim is based on the Berlin treaty. Therefore the allies are not bound to pay the American claim.

Secretary of State Hughes has made the government's second answer. In effect he has served notice on the allies that they cannot dodge payment of the Rhine debt by attempting to hide behind a technicality which doesn't exist. Identical communications were placed Wednesday, March 22, by American ambassadors before the governments of Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and Belgium. Secretary H.—he insists that the right of the United States to be paid is not only clearly equitable but free from any technical objection. He sets forth in detail the right, as established jointly under the terms of the armistice, the treaty of Versailles and the treaty of Germany and Germany. He says the United States will welcome any suggestion from the allies for reasonable adjustment. And in the meantime will please refrain from giving effect to any arrangements for the distribution of German cash payments to the exclusion of the claim of the United States.

Evidently the situation is one which requires an able secretary of state. It apparently has many complications. In substance the senate Senator Lodge said that our claim had nothing to do with other treaties, that it was based

on an agreement made under the armistice and that evasion was a mere technicality. Senator Underwood agreed as to the technicality and then said this in effect:

"Nevertheless, payment rests in the reparation commission. The supreme war council—not to be confounded with the supreme council of the League of Nations—was given charge of winding up the war. We had a representative on that supreme council until after the defeat of the Versailles treaty. That supreme council turned over to the reparation commission the administration of the funds to be collected from Germany to pay the troops on the Rhine. The commission is now handling these funds. The only way we can get our share is to sit in at the reparation table."

Close observers in Washington say that the President's informal utterances indicate that he would look with favor upon the appointment by congress of an American representative on the allied reparation commission. He will not propose it, but he thinks congress should realize its necessity.

LOYD GEORGE has announced that he will attend the Genoa conference. Viscount Peel has accepted the post of secretary of state for India, after Lord Derby had declined it. So it looks as if the British cabinet crisis growing out of the indiscretions and enforced resignation of E. S. Montagu is over. Back of it, however, is a conflict of two powerful interests—moral and concerted action in the modern world of opinion of a billion human beings. What the League of Nations is doing in the treatment of Turkey shows the world war has everywhere the fruits of cooperation and quickened their activities. They appear to be in touch the world over and propaganda is everywhere. The demand of the Indian government for the restoration of Turkey is convincing evidence of Muslim solidarity. The Sultan of Turkey, the caliph of Islam is leader of a Mohammedan world.

EUROPE is confronted by the danger of a devastating plague of typhus, according to the health department of the League of Nations. Ten million emigrants bearing typhus germs are being down on the western frontiers of France and no barrier European nations can erect will stop this pandemic horde of peasants fleeing from famine and death. Already the Polish barrier has been broken down; 400,000 Russians have swarmed into Eastern Galicia. Everywhere the routes of the hordes are lined with quarantined corpses. In the famine districts they are dying so fast that little effort is made to bury the dead. The League will attempt to establish a sanitary cordon. Payments will be abandoned and an attempt made to cleanse and cure the millions.

MAINE furnished the first test of strength in the congressional elections. John E. Nelson, Republican, defeated Ernest McLean, Democrat, in a special election in the Third district. The Republican victory was in the face of "democratic weather." The Democrats cut down the majority, however, in a special election which is normally strongly Republican, basing their campaign largely on the bonus and treaty issues. Query: What does the test of strength show?

STEPHANSON, the Arctic explorer, has planted the flag of Great Britain on Wrangell Island and claimed it for the British government. Just the same, in 1881 Capt. C. L. Hooper of the Corwin and Lieut. Robert M. Derry of the Rodgers landed on Wrangell Island, erected an American flag, took possession in the name of the United States by right of discovery and left a written record in a cairn. The claim is important because it is important because of strategic importance of northeastern Siberia.

THE United States Supreme court has held void the New York court law of 1920 requiring the F.M.N. law. The court held that the social emergency caused by a shortage of death certificates warranted the use of police power by the state. Anyone desiring to study modern warfare should visit the trenches of the leader between Union and South Island.

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