

President Names U.S. Delegates

Hughes, Lodge, Root and Underwood To Represent Government at Conference To Limit Armaments.

Harding In Background

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. (Chicago Tribune-Democrat Staff Writer.) Washington, Sept. 9.—President Harding announced this afternoon the complete membership of the American delegation to the international conference on disarmament in connection with which the Pacific and far eastern questions will be considered.

The announcement, which was made by the president when he met the newspaper correspondents after the cabinet meeting, completely confirmed the forecast of the size and personnel of the delegation.

Here is the delegation as announced by the president: Charles Evans Hughes, secretary of state, republican.

Henry Cabot Lodge, senator from Massachusetts and chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, republican.

Elihu Root, former secretary of state and later senator from New York, republican.

Oscar W. Underwood, senator from Alabama, democratic leader in the senate.

Harding in Background. The selection of Secretary Hughes and Senator Lodge, Mr. Harding announced several weeks ago. Today he formally added the names of Mr. Root and Senator Underwood to the list, explaining at the same time that the main delegation will consist of four members.

The president will not be a member of the delegation, as was Mr. Wilson to the peace delegation at Paris. Mr. Harding never approved of Mr. Wilson's course in that particular, believing that the president sacrifices the power and advantage of a detached position when he becomes one of the actual negotiators.

Mr. Harding will open the conference and then retire to the background. In accord with the custom which confers the honor upon the head of the home delegation, Mr. Hughes will preside over the deliberations of the conference.

The selection of the secretary of state to head the delegation was obvious from the beginning. In naming two senators as delegates, Mr. Harding has agreed the traditional policy followed by Mr. Wilson, of the executive collaborating with the other half of the treaty-making power in negotiations involving foreign relations.

Lodge Represents Senate. The chairman of the foreign relations committee, Mr. Lodge, a logical selection because of these considerations, as was the naming of Mr. Underwood to represent the democrats. Mr. Lodge is also the republican leader in the senate and it is a pretty safe assumption that any international agreement requiring ratification by the senate which emanate from the Washington conference with the approval of Senator Lodge and Underwood, will command the support of the requisite two-thirds of the senate.

In choosing a delegate outside of the administration and congress, the president naturally turned to Mr. Root, undoubtedly the foremost American diplomat and international jurist.

The other nations which are to participate in the conference have agreed with the United States to limit the number of direct negotiators in each case to four.

To Have Advisory Group. The United States and each of the other powers, however, will have an advisory group of about 12 members. The American advisory group will include representative of the army, the navy, labor, women and other interests.

The American delegation is to begin conferences at an early date on the policy to be pursued and more appropriate connection with the shaping of the agenda which Japan desires limited in scope.

"Let it be understood," said a high administration official, "that the United States is going into this conference with thoroughly unselfish aims."

"Our whole purpose is to take hold of the crystallized public opinion of the world on the reduction of armament and turn it into the channels where it will do the most good."

Wholesale Grocers Protest. Modifying Packers' Decree. Washington, Sept. 9.—Protest against proposed modification of the recent decree requiring the big five meat packers to divorce themselves from all business operations except meat packing was presented by the National Wholesale Grocers' association at a hearing today at the Department of Justice. The department has under consideration a proposal that legal action be taken to modify the decree so as to permit the packers to continue the transportation of canned goods from the Pacific coast.

Thieves Loot Des Moines. Jewelry Store for \$5,000. Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 9.—Thieves obtained \$5,000 worth of diamonds at the Max Solar jewelry store, 208 West Sixth avenue, here this morning, according to a police report.

Shortly after the store opened a man entered and asked to be shown a diamond ring. While the clerk, Sam Paner, had his back turned the man picked up a tray containing a number of diamonds and escaped. A companion awaited him at the door.

Members of American Conference Delegation



Charles E. Hughes



Senator Lodge



ELIHU ROOT



SENATOR UNDERWOOD

Noted Banker's Son Injured in Mysterious Way

Walter Seligman Said to Have Been Victim of Assault Following Party a Week Ago.

New York, Sept. 9.—Walter Seligman, son of Henry Seligman, noted banker, according to a morning paper, has been close to death for several days as a result of mysterious injuries, and is still in a precarious condition, it is said, at the Seligman summer home at Elberon, N. J.

Just how young Seligman met with injuries has been puzzling his friends. All they know is that he was the victim of an attack following a dinner party one week ago Tuesday.

Hurt After Party. Some of the details, it is alleged, were disclosed by Mrs. Mabel M. Bach, of 42 East Sixty-sixth street. She said that Seligman was injured after he returned with her, Tom Johnson and others from a party.

Tom Johnson is the son of Albert L. Johnson, brother of the late Tom Johnson, mayor of Cleveland. The young man is a brother of Albert L. Johnson, who, more than a year ago, married Peggy Marsh, actress.

The paper quoted Mrs. Bach as having said last night: "One thing you may say is that the affair did not take place in this house. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Seligman, Mr. Tucker, and a young lady friend of mine were out to dinner at Roslyn. While we were dining Mr. Johnson asked me to dance with him and I did."

Won't Prosecute Men. "This was last Tuesday night. On our return home we bade the young men good night. I had just reached my apartment, when I heard a terrible scuffle in the street. My lady friend and I immediately called for the elevator and went to the street."

"There we found Mr. Seligman in a very bad condition. He could hardly speak and it was apparent that he was seriously injured. I immediately called for a doctor and rushed Mr. Seligman over to Flower hospital."

Henry Seligman is reported to have admitted that the young man had been the victim of an assault, but said there would be no prosecution.

HASTINGS PICTURES

Photographs of Hastings churches, the lobby of the Clarke hotel and the grounds and clubhouse of the Hastings Country club are among the pictures on The Bee's "Kodaking Through Nebraska" page in tomorrow's Rotogravure section.

The page also includes photos of Mayor L. B. Stiner and other prominent Hastings men.

Former Soldier Collapses When Put Up at Auction

Women Shower Money on Youth Too Weak to Stand When Services Are Offered for Sale.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Boston, Sept. 9.—Hysterical women wept and fairly threw money at Edward Dixon, a youthful ex-serviceman, as he was put up at auction today on the Boston Common while being offered for sale by Mr. Zero.

It was the second day of the sale, part of Mr. Ledoux's plan to wake Boston up to its obligation to these starving, jobless men, many of them back from the World war.

Dixon, a slender, black haired youth, in a greasy khaki shirt, without jacket and torn blue trousers, held up with a strap, brake down and cried as Zero, in sonorous voice, recounted the boy's history. As the sob-welled into the lad's throat and tears streamed down his cheeks, he collapsed and would have fallen had not Zero caught him in his arms.

As the pair stood there before the 3,000 gathered about the stand, women gave way to tears and had to be supported by those nearest them. Other women and many girls opened their purses and showered money, coins and bills on the stand, many giving up their lunch money.

After the boy had been assisted to a seat Zero called for bids. "Never in the history of the republic," he said, "have you ever witnessed such a scene as this, which demonstrates the great sorrow of hearts that are broken."

He said that Dixon lost his father in the war, that his mother had recently died and that the lad was now homeless, penniless, jobless and starving. He was finally sold to one of the many women that crowded forward, she agreeing to provide for him until he was able to provide for himself. Dixon was too weak to stand while thanking her.

Zero was given an ovation as he came on the common with his "slave" band, 26 men in all, many of them ex-servicemen. Instead of the logy, curiosity of Thursday was supplanted by excited interest. The men did not have to wait long before their pleas for food and shelter in exchange for their utmost service was heard. The bidding was brisk and exciting. Many who were so placed as to be unable to provide work or shelter for the "slaves" insisted on giving cash to finance their immediate needs, one bid all handing over the money without divulging their names or addresses.

Three Men "Sold." Within half an hour three had been "sold" and in contrast to the rather meagre offers of Thursday, upwards of \$15 was offered for their services, while two secured offers of more or less permanent jobs. Morris Gest, here supervising preparations for the production of "Mecca," agreed to give 20 of the men a chance in the extravaganza as supers at \$25 for two weeks work behind the footlights.

Scullys To Lower Rent In Nebraska

English Brothers, Owners of 70,000 Acres in This State, Reduce Charge To Tenants.

400 Families Affected

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Abatement of part of this year's cash rentals for lands of the Scully estate will be announced in a few days, according to J. E. C. Fisher, general manager of the properties in Nebraska and northern Kansas. The exact amount of reduction for the properties here is not known.

Mr. Fisher said that he had received notice from the American headquarters of the estate at Lincoln, Ill., that the reduction would be made and that he would be told the exact amount in a few days.

The estate, consisting of 210,000 acres of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois land, is owned by the Scully family of England. The Nebraska holdings are 25,000 acres in Gage county and about 45,000 acres in Nockolls county. This is tenanted by 185 families in Gage county and about 250 in Nockolls.

In Family for Years. The estate has been in the Scully family for generations. With the death of Lord Scully the estate passed into the hands of his two sons, Thomas, who owns the Nebraska and Illinois lands, and Fred who owns the acreage in Missouri and Kansas. The accounts are kept separate, but the same policies are carried out in connection with all of the properties.

Uprisings of the tenants have been a frequent occurrence. Repeatedly alien land laws have been introduced in state legislatures aimed at this family. Shortly after Lord Scully obtained his Kansas holdings, the legislature of that state passed an alien land law which was later declared unconstitutional. Scully never took any chances with the law and became naturalized so he could continue to hold his large acreage.

Cash Rent Required. The Scully brothers are continuing a policy strictly adhered to by their father of renting the land on a basis of so many dollars an acre. The tenant is required to pay the taxes and make such road improvements as are deemed necessary.

The tenant may build himself a house and barn, put up fences and make other improvements, but when he quits his tenancy he must take the improvements along with him or sell them to the incoming tenant. The leases provide certain crops that must be raised and the clover acreage requirements is opposed by some tenants.

Few Improvements. The policy adopted by the Scully family in handling its huge holding has had a tendency to keep the tenants on the same farm for many years. However, in driving over their estates, it is noticeable that there are few good houses or barns. Few orchards are maintained on Scully farms.

Scully tenants at a big picnic in Antelope, Kan., threatened to move en masse from the lands and refuse to put in a crop of wheat unless their demands for reduced rentals were agreed to. The tenants also have been holding numerous school house meetings where many agreed to refuse to sign leases unless the rental was reduced 40 per cent.

Reduced 20 Per Cent. The announcement of the reduction in Illinois brings the rental down to less than \$7 an acre or about 20 per cent decrease and a smaller clover acreage. Whether this decrease will come on the strike is unknown.

The tenants assert the rentals have increased on them every year for a considerable period and that they have had a bad season. With the present low prices for grain the tenants say they cannot pay the present rental. Some say their rent is now double what it was eight or 10 years ago with produce prices back to almost the pre-war levels.

Following an uprising of the tenants against a rent increase a few years ago legislative investigations in this, which agents were started but resulted in affecting none of the Scully holdings.

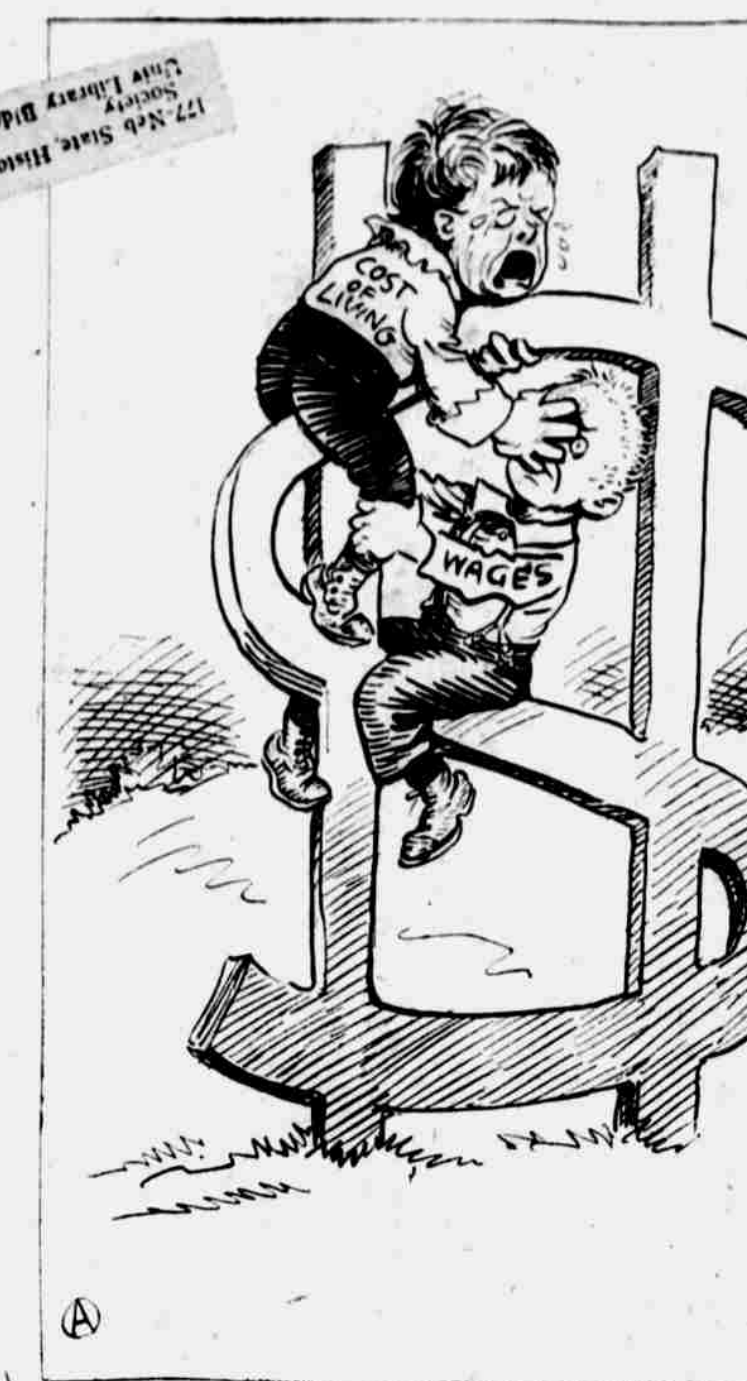
International Mercantile Marine Has New Contract. Washington, Sept. 9.—The International Mercantile Marine, through its president, P. A. S. Franklin, today submitted to the shipping board a new agreement entered into with the British government as a substitute for the agreement which bound the corporation to pursue no policy injurious to the interests of the British mercantile marine or of British trade.

Bandits Get \$25,000 From Indianapolis Suburb Bank. Indianapolis, Sept. 9.—Three armed bandits held up the Beech State bank at Beech Grove, a suburb, today, and threw the cashier and two immediate aides, one and all handing over the money without divulging their names or addresses.

Curb Brokers Enjoined From Using City Streets. New York, Sept. 9.—Brokers who failed to follow the New York curb market to its new indoors home a year ago, are made defendants in an injunction suit on file in the supreme court today. The suit was started by property owners, who called the outdoor market a nuisance.

Former Beatrice Man Held For Selling Mortgaged Car. Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—A complaint was filed here against Sam Parker, who recently left Beatrice for Gallatin, Mo., charging him with disposing of mortgaged property. Sheriff Emery wired the Gallatin sheriff to hold Parker until he arrives.

Make Both Come Down



Gypsum Firms of Iowa Indicted

Unfair Competition Charged Following Investigation by Federal Trade Commission.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The Gypsum Industries association of Chicago, seven of its executive officers and standing committees and 24 members scattered in as many states, including Iowa, Colorado, Utah, South Dakota, Wyoming and Washington, have been cited on complaint of unfair competition by the federal trade commission, it was announced. The organization is described as "a voluntary unincorporated association, composed of persons, partnerships and corporations engaged in manufacturing and selling gypsum products."

The basis of the complaint is the alleged concerted activities of the association members to eliminate mail order competition by restricting sales to dealers maintaining retail establishments and by a division of territory among members so as to limit each member's sales to the territory reached by delivery trucks of retailers to whom he sells. Dealers who sell by mail orders or otherwise for delivery at points other than those at which such dealers maintain retail establishments are excluded, the complaint further alleges.

Among members of the association cited are: Cardiff Gypsum Plaster company, Fort Dodge, Ia.; Centerville Gypsum company, Centerville, Ia.; Colorado Portland Cement company, Denver; Dakota Plaster company, Rapid City, S. D.; Neppi Plaster and Manufacturing company, Salt Lake City; Overland Cement Plaster company, Laramie, Wyo.; Pacific Coast Gypsum company, Tacoma; Plymouth Gypsum company, Fort Dodge, Ia.; and Wasmel Plaster company, Fort Dodge, Ia.

Exchange Many Shots. More than a score of shots were exchanged by the crew and 15 prohibition agents. None of the prohibition agents was hurt.

In order to obtain evidence, the prohibition agents said two of them arranged on Wednesday, with members of the crew for pay \$4,000 to participate in a midnight race to port from beyond the three-mile limit on September 1 in an effort to make sure the immigrants on board would be admitted to the country under the monthly quota regulations.

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Seven Injured in Pitched Battle On Greek Vessel

Crew Members Wounded in Fight When Prohibition and Narcotic Officers Make Raid; Get Drugs.

New York, Sept. 9.—After a raid by federal prohibition and narcotic agents on the Greek steamer King Alexander today in which seven members of the crew were wounded by pistol shots, Frank J. Fitzpatrick, chief narcotic officer here, who had taken part in the raid, committed suicide at a nearby pier, according to a police report.

Liquor valued at \$50,000 and drugs valued at \$75,000 were confiscated. The King Alexander participated in a midnight race to port from beyond the three-mile limit on September 1 in an effort to make sure the immigrants on board would be admitted to the country under the monthly quota regulations.

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Hitchcock Scores Profit Tax Repeal

Nebraska Senator Launches Demos' Attack on Bill.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Proposals for repeal of the excess profits tax and reduction of the income surtaxes were attacked today by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska in the first statement on taxes to come from the democratic side of the senate.

"The proposal to do away with the excess profit tax and with all surtaxes over 25 per cent on individual incomes," said Senator Hitchcock "is in my opinion, very objectionable. To make the proposed repeal of the excess profit tax retroactive to last January adds to the mistake."

"The surtax is the extra tax paid by individuals with large incomes. Secretary Mellon proposes to stop increasing the rate as soon as it reaches 25 per cent. I think the graduation should continue upward until the tax reaches 64 per cent. Such vast sums as \$500,000 or over cannot be used as income. They are merely capital increases. As such they add enormously each year to the wealth of a few. They are contrary to the public interests and ought to be considered contrary to public policy. They can be limited and restricted by taxation."

Church's Arrested. Adams, Wis., Sept. 9.—Acting on instructions from the police, Chicago, Chief of Police Charles Paulsen late today arrested H. W. Church, as he drove into Adams in an automobile. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Edward Church, who was detained in connection with the finding of the body of D. J. Daugherty, salesman for the Packard Automobile company in the Desplaines river at Maywood, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

When taken into custody Church steadily denied knowledge of the murder and declared his innocence. He admitted, Chief Paulsen, said that he was acquainted with the murdered salesman.

Church's father, Edward Church, recently purchased a farm near here and young Church said that he had driven his mother here for a visit. It is expected that Church will be returned to Chicago tomorrow morning.

Farmers to Be Jury In Neal Murder Trial. Auburn, Neb., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—The jury list for the fall term of the Nemaha county district court, which sets October 3, and at which term Mrs. Lucy Neal will be tried on a charge of first degree murder, for the alleged killing of her husband Billington Neal, August 11, has been drawn.

The members of the jury are: Frank Aue, Ray M. Anderson, Roy Argabright, H. M. Archer, Willard Allen, C. H. Ball, Earl Copeland, William Cole, C. Dennis, John Eggers, Lloyd Frasier, Guy Gage, T. W. Golt, J. G. Hahn, M. L. Jones, M. Klinc, F. E. Mason, H. E. Peters, R. M. Rozean, George M. Rutledge, H. E. Redfern, John Shurtliff, Ernest Shurtliff, Carl Skeen.

All but four of the men drawn on the jury are farmers.

Naval Employee Drowned As Plane Falls Into River. Washington, Sept. 9.—J. L. McNichol of this city, a civilian employe of the naval aeronautical testing laboratory, was drowned when a navy seaplane fell into the Potomac river. The body was recovered. The plane, it was reported, ran into an air pocket when making a turn and plunged into the water. Lieutenant Hugh W. Roughley, a reserve flier who escaped without injury, was the pilot.

Lead Prices Boosted. New York, Sept. 9.—The American Smelting and Refining company today advanced the price of lead from 4.50 cents a pound to 4.60.

The Weather

Forecast. Iowa—Thunder showers Saturday; much colder by night; Sunday, partly cloudy and colder; strong shifting winds.

Nebraska—Rain and much colder Saturday; partly cloudy; colder in east portion; strong northwest winds Saturday.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for time and temperature.