

Action On Peace Pact Hits Snag

Ratification Held Up By Demand for Reservation to Prevent Participation in Commissions.

Lodge Consults Hughes

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING, Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Local Writer. Washington, Sept. 22.—Administration efforts to hasten ratification of the German, Austrian and Hungarian peace treaties were halted today by demands in the foreign relations committee for a reservation to prevent American participation in various international commissions, notably the reparations commission, set up by the treaty of Versailles, without the express consent of the senate.

Opposition to the treaty, led by Senator Borah of Idaho, assumed such a formidable aspect that Senator Lodge, republican leader and chairman of the committee, hurried to the State department and held a long conference with Secretary of State Hughes. Although Mr. Lodge declined to discuss the result of the conference, it is understood that the administration is not willing to accept such a restriction upon its action as that proposed by members of the foreign relations committee.

No Action Taken. The committee, after several hours' lively discussion, was forced to adjourn without action. Another meeting will be held tomorrow, at which time Senator Lodge is expected to lay before his colleagues a report of his conference with Secretary Hughes. It may develop that Mr. Hughes will be asked to appear before the committee again to answer questions concerning the treaty, although he conferred at length with the committee last month when the German treaty was first made public.

The line of cleavage in the committee over the terms of the treaties runs closely parallel to the differences which split the senate over the Versailles treaty. The controversy revolves largely about Washington's warning against foreign entanglements. Prospects are that a sharp parliamentary struggle will ensue over the treaty and prediction was made in some quarters that a reservation to cover the points in dispute would be included in the ratification resolution.

Borah Starts Fight. Senator Borah precipitated the controversy when the treaty was formally taken up in the foreign relations committee. He called attention first to the section of the treaty reserving to the United States the right to have a representative upon the reparations commission. He contended that if this right were exercised the United States would become involved immediately in the reparations disputes which form the crux of the European problems today. He asserted that if the United States participated in the reparations and the enforcement thereof, it could not disengage itself as deep as that involved in the obligations of the league of nations.

The view was expressed in the committee that the administration fully intended to exercise the right to have representatives on the reparations commission and probably on other commissions. At present, it is represented only by unofficial observers. Senator Kellogg of Minnesota stoutly defended the idea of having an American representative on the reparations commission. Senator Johnson of California strongly opposed such representation. Senator Shields of Tennessee, a democratic irreconcilable, declared that he would be unwilling to support any provision of the Versailles treaty which would involve the United States in European entanglements.

Point Covered. Attention was called to the fact that when the Versailles treaty was before the senate, a reservation on the Lodge resolution of ratification was adopted to cover exactly the point raised by Senator Borah. A reservation of this nature was authorized to represent the United States on any body or agency established by the Versailles treaty except by specific act of congress.

This reservation met with such favor when the Versailles treaty was before the senate that it was supported by virtually every republican senator. Senator Borah contended at the foreign relations committee meeting today, that its application now is just as important as it was then. The committee does not adopt the reservation, it probably will be pressed in the senate.

Another objection raised by Senator Borah concerned the withdrawal of the American troops from the Rhine. He contended that under the terms of the treaty, the United States might find itself under a compelling moral obligation to maintain an army on the Rhine for years to come. Administration spokesmen assured him, however, that the troops would be withdrawn immediately upon the exchange of ratifications of the treaty.

Robbers Steal Stills And Moonshine From Jail. West Frankfort, Ill., Sept. 22.—Robbers last night forced entrance into the city jail here and escaped with five stills and a quantity of moonshine liquor confiscated in recent prohibition raids.

County Fair Opens. Beaver City, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The Furnas county fair opened with a large attendance. The swine exhibit numbers 150 head. A new hog barn, just completed, gives ample accommodations.

Doctors Testify At Opening of Arbuckle Case

Women Jam Court Room at Preliminary Hearing of Film Star; Three Witnesses on Stand.

By The Associated Press. San Francisco, Sept. 22.—The police court examination of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, which will determine whether the film comedian is to be bound over to the supreme court for trial on a charge of murder of Miss Virginia Rappe, began here today in a court room filled almost exclusively with women.

Three witnesses who saw Miss Rappe's body after her death September 9, which is charged resulted from injuries suffered at a drinking party four days before in Arbuckle's suite at the Hotel St. Francis, testified that they observed bruises on her limbs and breasts.

At tomorrow's session of Judge Sylvain Lazarus' court it is expected there will be introduced testimony regarding incidents at the hotel party where, according to witnesses at the coroner's inquest, Miss Rappe was found moaning and screaming after having been alone in a room with Arbuckle.

District Attorney Matthew A. Brady said it had not been determined whether Al Sennacher, Miss Rappe's manager, who is reported to have testified before the grand jury at Los Angeles that Arbuckle had made admissions regarding his treatment of Miss Rappe, would be called tomorrow.

Wife at His Side. The bulky film actor listened intently to today's testimony, his face bearing the same grave expression it has worn since his arrest nearly two weeks ago. Mrs. Minta Durfee Arbuckle, his wife, from whom he has been separated for five years, but who came here from New York Monday, sat at his side with her mother, Mrs. Flora Durfee.

Women jammed the corridors of the hall of justice for nearly two hours before the court session began and a dozen six-foot policemen had their hands full keeping them away from the court room door. A group of men who gathered in a corner in the hope of being admitted, were chased unceremoniously to the street floor and women who could show no credentials for admission also were ordered to stand on the stairs to allow movement in the corridor.

Women Given Preference. The women were given the preference because Judge Lazarus' court is largely devoted to women's cases. Delegates from the Women's Vigilant committee, from clubs and civic organizations packed the court room to its doors. A few male attaches of other courts found refuge behind the steel bars of the prisoners' dock. Arbuckle sat at the attorneys table.

Dr. Shelby Strange, relief autopsy surgeon, who performed the autopsy on Miss Rappe, and Dr. William (Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)

Baltimore Convict Charged With Murder Of California Priest. San Francisco, Sept. 22.—A warrant charging David Bender, who escaped from the Maryland and penitentiary, with the murder of Father Patrick E. Heslin, Catholic priest of Colma, Cal., was sworn to before Judge E. L. Johnson, a Colma justice of the peace, by J. Harry Dunlap, a private detective.

Bender was arrested here about three weeks ago after his escape from the Maryland state prison, where he was serving a term of 11 years for the murder of a Baltimore policeman.

For a time he shared his cell with Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle, motion picture comedian, who is awaiting trial on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe. Motion picture actress, Bender was returned to Baltimore last week.

Chief Changes Steeds Just Before Parades



Chief of Police Dempsey is nothing if not modest in speaking of his own accomplishments. But this is not the sole reason the chief is reluctant to explain his change of steeds prior to the Ak-Sar-Ben parade.

It was a noble charge the chief arranged to ride and he was immensely pleased—until parade time. Then the Shrine band struck up a melody. The chief's horse pricked up his ears and began to prance.

Two minutes later the chief of police had another horse.

N.-S.-F. Successor Allowed to Sell \$2,225,000 Stock

Chicago Man, With Voting Control of Majority of Shares, To Operate Business Under New Plan. Lincoln, Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The state bureau of securities today gave the Nye-Schneider-Jenks company of Fremont, successors to the Nye-Schneider-Fowler company, permission to issue \$2,225,000 in stock, which is looked upon as another step in the reorganization of the firm being worked out by agreement between creditors and stockholders.

Julius H. Barnes of Chicago will have voting control of 67 per cent of all the stock in the new company under the plan outlined and he also will have a five-year option on the purchase of 55 per cent of it at a price of \$40 a share, the par value being \$100. Meantime, the business will be operated under the control of the stock issued will be turned over first to the old Nye-Schneider-Fowler company of Fremont, the Central Granaries company and the Nebraska Elevator company of Lincoln and the Nye-Schneider-Fowler Grain company of Omaha in that order.

Through these concerns, sufficient amount of the stock will be transferred to a trustee to insure two-thirds voting power to Barnes. The stock, in its entirety, will be used as collateral to secure banks in Lincoln, Omaha, Chicago and other places that have made loans to the old company.

The state bureau has required that a showing be made by November 1 relative to various details of the plan as carried out and the settlement made with bankers and other creditors.

No commission is to be allowed for selling or handling the stock nor any marketing expense with the sale to be allowed. All the creditors are to be paid in full, while banks to whom the old companies owed money are to extend the time to a minimum period of three years.

150 Million Marks Loss In Disaster

Estimates of 1,000 Dead From Blast That Wiped Out German Town Verified—Injured List Grows.

850 Bodies Recovered

By The Associated Press. Mayence, Sept. 22.—While estimates of the number of dead from Wednesday's explosion which destroyed the Badische company's great chemical plant at Oppau continued today at approximately 1,500, the total of persons actually found to have been injured exceeds the first figures by a wide margin.

Rescue Work Progresses. The French and German authorities in the district were continuing rescue work today in the devastated area. A German hospital train has arrived at Frankfurt and a French train at Treves with injured from the scene of the disaster.

The total damage from the explosion in the Badische Anilin company's chemical plant at Oppau yesterday is estimated at 150,000,000 marks, according to Berlin advices received here today.

Smoke Hindered Work. Great clouds of chemical fumes hung over the ghastly scene of ruin and the first men to enter the place were compelled to wear gas masks. The fumes spread as far as Mannheim and Ludwigshafen and tended to heighten the tears of the frightened people.

An investigation of the explosion has been ordered by the authorities, but little is left on which to base a finding. The buildings of the Badische company have disappeared and only a great hole in the ground marks the site of the main structure.

Cause Is Unknown. It is a theory of those familiar with the plant that at least two gasometers exploded and that nitrogen compounds stored in the buildings or in process of manufacture were detonated. Another theory is that a nitrogen tank let go and that four others were set off by the concussion.

This is the second time Oppau has been destroyed. In 1883 a dam burst above the town and the place was swept by a wall of water.

Major General Wood Formally Nominated To Philippines Post. Washington, Sept. 22.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood was formally nominated by President Harding to be governor general of the Philippines.

General Wood, whose selection for the post was announced several weeks ago, has spent the past several months in the Philippines investigating the conditions of the island and is expected to assume the governorship for a period of one year as soon as his nomination is confirmed.

General Wood will be placed on the retired list October 5, at his own request, having served more than the necessary 30 years. He will take the ocean trip to Manila about that date and begin his duties at once.

Ak-Sar-Ben Parade Floats



Here are two of the 20 chariots of King Ak, mounted on street car wheels and all lighted up like birthday cakes, which held thousands standing first on one leg and then on the other along the line of "march" last night.

"Texas Wildcat" Plane Is Entered In Air Congress

Millionaire Oil Man Comes to Omaha to Place Celebrated Speed "Ship" and Its Twin in Big Meet. S. E. J. Cox, multi-millionaire oil operator from Houston, Tex., and owner of the celebrated "Texas Wildcat" plane that attracted so much attention at the Gordon-Bennett air race in France last year, blew into Omaha yesterday in knee-length boots, a brown sport suit and with care-free smile.

The purpose of his stop in Omaha was to enter the "Texas Wildcat" and its twin, "Cactus Kitten," both speedy planes, in the International Aero congress to be held in Omaha on November 3-4-5.

Mrs. Cox, wife of the wealthy oil man and an accomplished flyer, may pilot the "Texas Wildcat" in the Pulitzer trophy air race at the congress, Mr. Cox said.

An Expert Airwoman. "She's an expert flyer and can certainly hit the high spots," he declared. "Mrs. Cox overes our oil districts with an airplane and she's getting to be quite a speeder."

According to Mr. Cox's description of the "Cactus Kitten," if it ever speeds past a crowd with its straight wings there'll be danger of a pneumonia epidemic.

It has two sets of wings, curved and flat," he said. "The curved wings are for soaring and tricks in the air, but those flat ones, oh boy! they cut through the heavens like a bolt from the blue."

Work Begins on Medical Building

New 17-Story Structure Will Take Year to Build, Superintendent Says.

Actual work on the new 17-story Medical Arts building at Seventeenth and Dodge streets, started yesterday with the arrival of a steam shovel belonging to the J. J. Thompson company, which will do the excavating.

A. H. Haines, superintendent of construction who was on the ground, estimates the building will require at least a year to build.

Two-thirds of the new structure already is rented, according to T. F. Quinlan, representing the Brandeis company.

He estimates that between \$400,000 and \$500,000 was saved on building materials by deferring construction.

The corner store in the new building has been leased by the W. Piel Drug company, now at Eighteenth and Farnam streets.

"Stool Pigeons" Not Sanctioned by Navy. Washington, Sept. 22.—The Navy department has neither authorized nor sanctioned use of enlisted men as "stool pigeons" by civil authorities in campaigns against crime.

Secretary Denby declared, in ordering an official investigation of reports that such use had been made of blue jackets by the police of San Diego, Cal. Admiral E. W. Eberle, commanding the Pacific fleet, was instructed to undertake the inquiry and to report to the department as quickly as possible.

The report reaching Mr. Denby included newspaper clippings recounting evidence said to have been presented at the hearing of charges against Police Judge Ed L. Davin, on September 13.

Attendance Record Broken At Jefferson County Fair. Fairbury, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The Jefferson county fair reached the 10,000 mark in attendance Wednesday, setting a new record. Gate receipts for the day were \$2,000.

Funeral of South Dakota Bishop Held at Sioux Falls. Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 22.—The Rt. Rev. Thomas O'Gorman, bishop of the eastern diocese of South Dakota, was this morning buried with all the pomp and ceremony of the Catholic church. Archbishop James J. Keane of Dubuque, Ia., preached the funeral sermon and four other high dignitaries of the church assisted in the celebration of the impressive mass for the dead.

Department of Justice Probes Lobingier's Rule. Washington, Sept. 22.—Investigation of charges of misconduct of office filed against Judge Charles S. Lobingier of the consular court of Shanghai, China, has been undertaken by the Department of Justice, Attorney General Daugherty announced today. Judge Lobingier, who was appointed to the court in 1914 by President Wilson for a 10-year period and who is a former resident of Omaha, Neb., recently arrived in Washington to present his side of the case.

Klan Goes Under Ban In Omaha

City Officials Warn Gowned Knights to Hold Secret Meetings in Real In-Visible Empire.

Police Gathering Data. Omaha's Ku Klux Klan must confine its meetings to the secret cavern recesses of its own invisible empire. No public demonstration of the Omaha cavern will be tolerated by public officials.

Secret meetings of the organization will not be interfered with for the present, but they will be kept under close surveillance.

Mayor Dahlin and the city commissioners declared all this yesterday and admit they are keeping in close touch with the Ku Klux Klan, both locally and nationally.

Police Are Busy. The intelligence department at Central police headquarters is gathering information concerning Omaha and Nebraska members of the invisible empire and has tabulated data of the visits here of national organizers and officers, it is generally understood.

The Omaha officials are interested in the action of the Chicago city council this week, declaring the K. K. K. will be allowed no quarter in the Illinois metropolis.

It is known that Edward Young Clarke, imperial klalg and klalifi and chief of staff of the invisible empire, recently visited the Omaha cavern of the K. K. K. Information received yesterday from Atlanta, Ga., states that Clarke has tendered his resignation to Imperial Wizard William J. Simmons, "for the good of the order," but it is alleged that Clarke resigned under fire of ugly charges involving himself and Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, his associate in the publicity department of the Ku Klux Klan.

No Parades Here. "We are watching the situation closely and will be ready to meet any development," said Mayor Dahlin. "No parade will be allowed here—that is certain. As for the meetings of the K. K. K., I presume they are like some secret lodge meetings, and I am not prepared to state whether they would be interfered with."

City Commissioner D. B. Butler was outspoken on the subject. He said: "The organization is un-American and un-American. A man who has to skulk behind a hood and robe is not worthy of the consideration of decent citizens. The Klan menace to this country. It is dangerous. We must preserve our traditions and our democracy. We must squelch the K. K. K. Municipal, state and federal authorities

German Held on Theft Charge; Sent Loot to Brother in Germany. New York, Sept. 22.—John Memmer, a German, described in court as a "commercial pirate," was convicted by a jury in Brooklyn today of grand larceny for stealing shoe uppers from a Brooklyn factory and shipping them to Germany to be copied for future competition with American shoes.

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New York Suffers \$100,000 Fire. New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 22.—Fellowship Farm, a socialist colony at Stetson, N. Y., three miles from this city, was the scene of a \$100,000 fire today. Fellowship Farm hotel and another hotel building were destroyed and the flames swept through a settlement of about 30 bungalows.

Cooperage Association Intervenes in Rate Case. Washington, Sept. 22.—Permission to intervene in the case before the interstate commerce commission involving freight rates on lumber from the south and southwest to north-eastern points were granted to the Associated Cooperage Industry of North America by the interstate commerce commission.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Fair Friday and Saturday, except somewhat unsettled in east portion Friday and Friday night; not much change in temperature. Iowa—Fair Friday, probably becoming unsettled by night or on Saturday; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures. A table with columns for time and temperature for various locations including Omaha, Lincoln, and other cities.