

Senate to Probe Bankers' Part in U. S. Diplomacy

'Disclosures' Hinted When Committee Opens Hearing on Loans This Week.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES, International News Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The whole question of foreign loans made by American bankers and the influence such loans have in shaping the international policies of the State department, is going to be opened here next week in public hearings authorized and conducted by the foreign relations committee of the senate.

It is intimated that some "interesting disclosures" may be forthcoming. Strictly speaking, the hearings have no direct connection with France's efforts to obtain further gigantic loans from American bankers. It is significant, however, that they were authorized only after it became known that France is again making overtures to Wall street financial interests to float a new bond issue of \$140,000,000 in the American investment market—at a time when the French government is continuing to ignore the \$4,000,000,000 debt to the United States treasury.

In this respect, therefore, it may be said the hearings are a manifestation of the uneasiness and concern which congress feels over the activities of the international bankers in general and of France in particular.

Senator Shipstead, farmer-laborer, of Minnesota, one of France's severest critics in the senate, will conduct the hearings as chairman of the subcommittee. Other members are Willis, republican, of Ohio and Pittman, democrat, of Nevada.

The neg upon which the hearings have been hung is the Ladd resolution.

Stripped of its legal verbiage this resolution would direct every department and agency of the federal government to refrain from pledging any governmental assistance in the negotiation or repayment of a loan by any foreign government. And specifically it would prohibit in any manner whatsoever, giving official recognition to any arrangement which may commit the government of the United States to any form of military intervention in order to compel the observance of alleged obligations.

This latter part of the resolution is aimed directly at the activities of American bankers in the little republics of South and Central America where American sailors and marines have frequently been sent for the alleged purpose of seizing customs, etc., to assure the repayment of governmental loans to private bankers.

War to Clean Up Shows Hits Snag

William Brady Rebels; Will Not Withdraw "A Good Bad Woman."

New York, Feb. 21.—Progress of District Attorney Brantley's clean up campaign in the Broadway theaters struck a snag today.

William Brady, producer, who had promised Mr. Brantley to withdraw his play "A Good Bad Woman" after tonight's performance because the district attorney considered it "indecent," balked when he discovered that David Belasco had been allowed to rewrite two of his so-called objectionable plays, "The Harem" and "Ladies of the Evening."

Brady's attitude today can be summed up in seven words: "I'm not going to be the goat." "If Belasco is allowed to go on producing his plays, which are filthier than mine, after revised versions, I claim the same privilege," said Brady.

"I wanted to do something for the theater when I promised to take my show off. I did the spotting thing. But I don't propose to be the goat of this business," Bill Brady has just as many rights in this town as Dave Belasco.

The change of the Brady ideas was only one of the developments in the clean up war today. The district attorney made it clear to the producers of "Desire Under the Elms," Eugene O'Neill's tragedy of New England farm life, that their play must go. He expects these producers to remove the play by next Tuesday, since it cannot be rewritten.

"We do not expect to comply with such a demand," said Kenneth McGowan, representing the producers of "Desire."

"We'll go to court first, because we claim that O'Neill's work is art, and not indecent. We are gathering opinions now among seasoned theatergoers who consider it a strong piece of work."

Corsets No Guide to Morals, Rupert Hughes, Noted Author Asserts

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 21.—Vigorous denial that the corsetless fopper of today is "destroying civilization by smoking cigarettes," Rupert Hughes, widely known novelist and motion picture producer, declared here tonight that the manners and morals of the present time are better than during any other period of American history.

"When anyone tells you that the fopper of today is destroying civilization by smoking cigarettes," Hughes said, "I beg you to remember that in 1850 teachers in Scotland were instructing girl students how to fill pipes."

Aged Iowa Man, Nature Lover, Dwells in Cave



Three views of Marshall E. Willis, 71, who dwells in a cave-like dugout in the side of a "wash," running through the 40-acre forest tract of Will Plummer, wealthy Iowa farmer, four and one-half miles northeast of Logan, Ia., as shown above.

Willis, a former friend of James Whitcomb Riley, has lived for several years in the dugout. He is shown standing in the entrance to the dwelling in one view. The construction of the dugout can be noted. The other pictures show Willis in typical poses.

Divine Refutes "Sheik" Charges

Denies Visiting Pretty Parishioner at "Pajama Party" for Two.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Rev. Carl Joseph Lyle, Baptist evangelist, today took the witness stand to clear his name of the charges that he had estranged Mrs. John P. Lindstedt and her husband.

The minister denied the charges made by Lindstedt, his former parishioner, in a divorce suit filed two years ago, and was sustained by Mrs. Lindstedt's children.

"Were you ever in the same room with Mrs. Lindstedt, dressed in pajamas?" Rev. Lyle was asked. "Never," the minister answered firmly.

He denied that Mrs. Lindstedt's daughter had surprised him and Mrs. Lindstedt under improper circumstances.

Clarence Lindstedt, a son, also declared that he had never witnessed anything irregular in the conduct of the minister toward his mother.

Rev. Lyle, as a result of the Lindstedt charges, left his Chicago pastorate several years ago and returned to New York.

Mrs. Stokes Says Defamer Is Insane

Will Not Prosecute Man Trapped in Blackmail Attempt.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Robert L. Corbett, 56, trapped in a plot to discredit Mrs. Helen Edwold Stokes and arrested as he accepted \$200 in marked bills "on account" of the \$1,000 he demanded for not exposing her.

"I believe the man is insane," she said tonight. "His allegation was so ridiculous and so easily disproved, I helped take him into custody simply because I wished him to stop annoying me."

Even the discovery, from a card in his pocket addressed to an agent of her elderly husband, W. E. D. Stokes, who is on trial here on charges of conspiracy to defame her, that he was trying to sell his "information" to Stokes did not avert her from the determination not to take action against Corbett.

"I needed money," was Corbett's only explanation. "It is surprising what a man will do when he is hard up."

Corbett had told Mrs. Stokes that he was prepared to swear she had hired him to locate James Ward, a missing diamond thief and her supposed assistant, and had posed as Miss Cora Stewart of 1636 Welton street, Denver. It was for a paper containing what Corbett said was a description of Ward in Mrs. Stokes' handwriting that he accepted the \$200 a moment before police took him in custody in a law office.

Corbett also accused Mrs. Stokes of having a hand in the disappearance of Dorothy Arnold, New York heiress, several years ago, and with being the mysterious "veiled woman" in the biogamy trial of E. C. VonKlein in 1912.

Composer Dies

By Wireless in the Associated Press. Aboard Steamship Degraesse, At Sea, Feb. 21.—Composor Enrico Bossi, organist and composer who wrote the national music and presided at the organ at the marriage of the king and queen of Italy in 1858, died yesterday after a brief illness.

Death came to Signor Bossi as he was on his way to his home land, two days after the Degraesse sailed from New York for Havre. He was born in April, 1861.

Downtown Alarm

All downtown fire apparatus responded to a fire alarm received at 10:30 Saturday night from the Andrew Murphy & Sons building, Fourteenth and Jackson streets.

Record Attendance at 20th Car Show

Dealers Report 404 Machines, Valued at \$450,000, Sold During Week.

The 20th annual Omaha Automobile show closed Saturday night and shattered all local records both in number of cars sold and in attendance, according to A. B. Waugh, manager of the show.

Dealers Saturday night reported that 404 pleasure cars had been sold at a retail value of \$450,000, as compared with 267 cars sold last year at a value of \$300,000, according to Waugh.

While 404 cars were sold at retail, several hundred additional cars were sold to out-of-town dealers for the various agencies.

Out-of-town dealers broke a record also when 1,431 dealers visited the show, compared to 1,205 last year.

Attendance figures show that 1,200 more persons paid admissions this year than last.

Extra precautions were taken Saturday night against any accident or possible plot to damage the show when Waugh ordered all cars rolled outside and filled with gasoline on the street, instead of in the building.

"No dealer was allowed to place gasoline in the tanks of their cars in the building," said Waugh.

Charles Franke, manager of the Auditorium, and Waugh again confirmed the story of a possible plot early in the week to blow up the Auditorium when an open gas connection was found.

"It was a plain case of a plan to wreck the building," said Franke. "The gas connection could not be removed with anything less than a 10-inch wrench," said Franke.

A half dozen detectives were assigned to duty at the Auditorium Saturday night and kept a close watch for any suspicious moves.

VOTE ON SHOALS IS SET FOR MONDAY

Washington, Feb. 21.—Agreement was reached today by the senate to vote Monday on the ruling of President Coolidge that the conference report on the Underwood Muscle Shoals leasing bill was out of order.

While this action prohibits a terminable debate on the appeal of Senator Underwood, Alabama, from the ruling, final disposition of the conference report by the senate remains indefinite.

A. L. Reed Re-Elected Head of Realty Company

A. L. Reed was re-elected president of the Byron Reed company for 1925, according to an announcement made Saturday.

Other officers elected were: Vice president, Hugh Cudde; Lin P. Campbell and Herbert Bushnell; secretary, James A. Nickerson.

The only change in the personnel of the organization is that of Mr. Nickerson as secretary. He has been with the organization for 10 years as a real estate salesman.

Married in Council Bluffs

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Doorman at Capitol Held as Alleged Agent of Bootleggers; More Raids Threatened.

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The arrests were brought about through a complaint from Representative Cooper, republican, Ohio, who declared he would urge prohibition agents to make additional raids if conditions do not improve.

None of the arrests was made at the capitol. However, one of those taken in custody was Ed George Wright, aged 30, a doorman at the house of representatives, and it is charged that he solicited orders for liquor in the capitol building and in the nearby senate and house office buildings.

Wright, who lost his job today as a result of his arrest, was at one time time secretary to Vice President Sherman and to Chauncey M. Depew. He demanded a jury trial and was released in \$500 bail.

The other man arrested, a dentist, and the three women also demanded jury trials and were released in \$1,500 bond. It is charged that they were "distributors" working with Wright, while he booked orders.

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After his appointment, Ford was urged by Mr. Cooper to "clean up the capitol," being told in particular that complaints had been received that Wright was soliciting orders for liquor in the senate and house office buildings and that deliveries were being made there as a result.

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Police Seize Cars Left in Alleys and Zones.

Forty-five cars, which had been left by their owners parked in safety zones, in front of fire plugs, in alleys or in front of theaters, were towed to the Davenport garage by orders of police Saturday night.

More "mis-parked" automobiles were handled by police Saturday night than any other night since the plan of towing the cars away and charging motorists for the service has been in force.

Among those who claimed their cars at the garage were: P. Ponovich, William Rathman, Blair G. A. Steinheimer, Keeline building; Helen Berman, Norfolk; Jake Crouse, 924 North Sixteenth street; Russell Lund, Shenandoah, Ia.; Dr. G. Derby, Coronado apartments; A. J. Frieden, 109 Park avenue; L. S. Pease, Denver, Colo.; V. M. Smith, 4418 North Twenty-sixth street; O. P. Tillson, 3228 Pine street; A. Jordan, 1919 Lake street; J. E. Bonusack, 4307 South Thirty-third street; F. P. Hostetter, 5210 Chicago street; M. Mohun, 610 South Thirty-fifth avenue; R. Beckley, 324 South Nineteenth street; S. Smith, Lincoln.

GREEK ORTHODOX BISHOP IS HERE

All Orthodox Greeks, Serbians and Rumanians of South Omaha will attend church services Sunday morning in honor of Archbishop of Jerusalem Pantelimon, who is making a short visit in Omaha.

Services will be held at the Rumanian church, Twenty-ninth and S streets. At 10:30 priests and congregation will form a procession and march to the Serbian church at Thirtieth and S streets, where another service will be conducted by the archbishop.

Father Louis Moira of the Rumanian church and Father Ponovich of the Serbian church will assist Archbishop Pantelimon.

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Traverse City, Mich., Feb. 21.—A 15-year-old boy today saved the lives of four children who broke through the ice by making a life line of his coat.

The youthful hero is Theodore Frederickson, who crawled across the ice to the spot where the children had fallen into the water of Traverse bay. The water is 50 feet deep at the point where the ice broke.

Duke of Westminster and Wife to Separate

London, Feb. 21.—Negotiations are now going on between lawyers representing the duke and the duchess of Westminster with a view to avoiding the divorce proceedings which the duchess initiated several months ago. In all likelihood they will settle their matrimonial differences by signing a deed of separation, the Universal correspondent learned today.

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Pastor Beaten After Giving Advice on Love

Boulder, Colo., Feb. 21.—Rev. Gene Goodrow, 71, pastor of the Gospel Mission here, is in serious condition tonight as a result of being beaten in an insolent manner when he is said to have advised one of his women parishioners to end her friendship for a suitor.

Monte Salisbury, 22, of Boulder is in jail, charged with assault and battery.

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Theft Suspect Jailed

Los Angeles, Feb. 21.—William Chason, the object of a nationwide search in connection with a \$20,000 pay roll theft at Hopewell, Va., five months ago, was arrested here today, according to the sheriff's office.

Medicine Maker Dies

Woodbury, N. J., Feb. 21.—Col. George C. Green, patent medicine manufacturer, died at his home late today, after an illness of several days. He leaves an estate valued at \$5,000,000. He was 83 years old.

Shell-Shocked Veteran, Mistaken for Desperado, Is Killed by Police

By VINA LINDSAY, Universal Service Staff Correspondent, Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 21.—The world war still grinds its grist of tragedies, even though the big guns have long been silenced.

A shell which burst in France claimed a belated casualty here this week when Jack Freeman, Texan and overseas veteran of the Canadian ranks, fell dead on a street corner, the victim of a policeman's bullet.

Freeman's shattered mind, obsessed by one idea, a longing to see his mother, played him a trick just as his dream was nearing realization. He was standing on a street corner snapping an unloaded revolver when police, believing him to be a desperado, fired at him.

Meanwhile, at the telegraph company's office, money on which to return home, awaited him. It had been sent by his mother.

The day before the tragedy, Freeman had visited Mrs. Rose Ohaus in charge of the Travelers' Aid bureau at the Union station. He had told her of his loneliness for his mother. "I've been a wanderer and I need much comfort to her," he said. "But I love her and I must see her. Something tells me I will go to her right now."

The man, trembling and nervous would talk of nothing else but his desire to see his mother. The mother who lives in Fort Worth, Tex., was notified. She telegraphed money for her son's return. Before it could reach him he had been shot.

"The mother came on to take her son's body home. At the Travelers' Aid bureau she asked over and over again to hear the loving words that her son had spoken of her.

"He always was a good boy," she said repeatedly. She told of her early life in England and how with her husband she came to this country to build a future for her boy. After his marriage and the death of his wife she took his three children to rear. He enlisted in the Canadian army early in the European war. The battlefield experiences left him shell-shocked, a mental wreck and wanderer.

Word that Freeman was returning home caused his mother and his children to prepare a joyous welcome. When came the telegram announcing his death.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

Watch out and take the greatest care you never make a fool of Peter Rabbit.

Reddy Fox Takes the Dare Peter Rabbit had dared Reddy Fox. He had told Reddy that he dared go where Reddy didn't dare go. Then With Reddy almost at his heels he had dodged into Buster Bear's bedroom. You would have laughed to have seen how suddenly Reddy Fox stopped. He stopped so suddenly that he almost fell over on his head. You see he knew that that was Buster Bear's bedroom. What is more, his nose told him that Buster Bear was in there. So Reddy stopped just as Old Man Coyote had stopped the time he had chased Jumper the Hare in there.

Reddy backed off a few feet and sat down on the snow. He curled his big puffy tail around over his feet to keep his toes warm. Then he cocked his head on one side and stared at the entrance through which Peter Rabbit had disappeared.

"So that's it," said Reddy to himself. "So that's Peter Rabbit's secret, and the thing he is so puffed up about. He thinks he is very brave and bold. If anyone had told me that Peter would go in there I wouldn't have believed it. But with my own eyes I've seen him go. What is more, I know by the way he acted that he has been in there before. He thinks I don't dare follow him in there.

"Well, to be honest, I wouldn't have dared to go in there if I hadn't seen him go in there. But that makes a difference. Yes, sir, that makes a difference. If Peter Rabbit can go in there safely I can go in there just as safely. If there is no danger for Peter there is no danger for me. Of course, Buster Bear is sound asleep. I know just how Johnny Chuck sleeps just as soundly. Probably I couldn't waken him if I tried. I'll just give Peter a little surprise party. I'll take his dare. Yes, sir, that's what I'll do. I'll take his dare."

Reddy uncoupled his big, soft tail from around his feet. Then, for all the world as if he were afraid of making a noise, he stole up to the entrance of Buster Bear's bedroom. For a moment or two he hesitated.

He could smell Buster Bear, and in spite of himself it made him uneasy. But it wouldn't do to have it known that Peter Rabbit had dared to go where he didn't dare go. Reddy poked his head inside the entrance.

Now Peter Rabbit had been waiting just inside that entrance. It hadn't entered his funny little head that Reddy would ever think of following him in there. So when Reddy's sharp nose was thrust inside, Peter had one of the most scary surprises of his whole life. My, you should have seen him jump and run! He ran straight in to where Buster Bear was lying asleep. He jumped right over Buster, and then he turned to see if Reddy was following. Reddy was. But he wasn't running. He was coming in slowly. He hesitated after every step. But he was coming just the same. Peter had hard work believing his own eyes. How he did wish he hadn't made that foolish dare! There was no way of getting out except by the way he had come in, and that would be to run right into the jaws of Reddy Fox.

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U. S. Attorney Kinler Leaves for Washington

United States Attorney J. C. Kinler left Saturday night for Washington where he says he has been called on some "Indian" cases.

Kinler Saturday admitted he had made an appointment with United States Senator R. B. Howell but only a social one.

Hotel Awning Burns

Fire department was called early Sunday morning to extinguish an awning on the Jackson street side of a hotel here, which had caught fire from a cigarette butt tossed into it from a suite window.

City and County to Join in Paving Sixtieth Street

Boundary Highway From Pacific to Center Will Be First Project Started in Spring.

Enthusiasm and some actual excitement prevails in the vicinity of the west city limit between Center and Pacific streets over the prospects for the immediate paving of Sixtieth street, which forms the city limit.

The project is a joint city and county one. The city is responsible for paving the east half of the street and the county the west half. The expense of paving the city's half of the street is defrayed entirely by owners of abutting property.

The county's share of the project must be paid from county funds, however, except for the cost of gutting and curbing.

Club Backs Petition. Louis C. Wolbers of 2204 South Sixtieth street, G. M. Demman of 6019 Walnut street and C. O. May of 6039 Pine street are among the leaders in circulating petitions, which also is backed by the West Lawn Improvement club. The petitions should be ready to hand over to the county commissioners by the middle of this week, according to Mr. Wolbers.

The county commissioners indicated, when interviewed by the Omaha Bee, that this Sixtieth street project will be among the first to be started this spring.

"We consider the project one of the most important," said Commissioner Counsman. "When this three-quarter-mile stretch between Center and Pacific streets is paved it will furnish an outlet and inlet to the tourist camp, and for South Omahans it will mean a paved highway from Q street to the downtown section."

County Surveyor Lou Adams estimates the total cost of the project at \$20,000.

PASTOR'S WIFE LOCKS HIM OUT

New York, Feb. 21.—Dr. Stuart L. Tyson, the Episcopal clergyman, who has always been bitter in his denunciation of any dissolution of his marriage ties, was locked out of his apartment here today by Mrs. Gertrude Weir Tyson, whom he is suing for divorce.

She has barricaded herself in their flat in fashionable Gramercy park. Dr. Tyson has charged her with cruelty.

MAN IS BURNED IN OIL EXPLOSION

Chester, Neb., Feb. 21.—John Ray, a laborer, was so badly burned today by an explosion of oil that physicians attending him say he cannot live. He attempted to pour oil out of a small can onto what was thought to be dead coals in a stove. The resulting explosion burst the can, throwing burning oil over him. His clothing was burned from his body. His wife and young child narrowly escaped.

GROCER IS SHOT DEAD BY BANDITS

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 21.—Frank Kugler, 65-year-old North Park grocer, was shot and killed by bandits tonight in his home next door and found his husband lying on the floor breathing his last. The bullet had gone through his heart.

The two men rushed from the building and sped away in the car.

SCHOOLING AIDED FORGERS, CLAIM

Admitting that they had stolen a check for \$2.50 from a milk bottle and forged the name of the payee on its back, Thomas Wright, 14, 2450 Avenue D, and Charles Bevington, 12, 2760 Avenue G, Council Bluffs, were paroled to their fathers following a seven weeks' sentence from Judge Daniel Sheehan in Council Bluffs juvenile court Saturday.

Wright, who admitted the forgery, told the court that he had taken a course in bookkeeping in school and had learned how to draw checks during the course.

Man Slugged and Robbed in Alley in Rear of Home

Thomas Mitchell, 2322 Harney street, was slugged and robbed of \$7 in the alley in the rear of his home Saturday night, he told police.

Mitchell said he was on his way home. He did not see the man who struck him.

Ex-Premier Sinking

Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 21.—Hjalmar Branting, who recently was succeeded in the premiership by Richard Sandier, because of his continued illness, is believed to be in a serious condition. It was announced today that he had suddenly taken an alarming turn for the worse.

Protect Your Property

with our IRON, WIRE and STEEL WINDOW and DOOR GUARDS, BARS and GATES, IRON and WIRE FENCES and ROLLS, WIRE PARTITIONS in STORES, SHOWERS, CASHIER CAGES, COUNTER RAILINGS.