

UNITED STATES WILL NOT ASK BANKERS TO SEEK CHINESE LOAN

President and Aides Consider \$125,000,000 Deal for Two Hours.

NEW REPUBLIC NEEDS MONEY

Intimation Bankers Should Show Substantial Friendship.

WILL NOT RECOMMEND IT

Other Nations Loaning to Celestial Kingdom.

BANKERS ASKED FOR ADVICE

Conditions Seem to Touch on Independence of China, and Administration Does Not Assume Implication.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—President Wilson tonight in a statement approved by his cabinet after two hours of discussion, announced that his administration had declined to request the group of American bankers to continue their negotiations for participation in the \$125,000,000 loan desired by the Chinese government.

The statement follows:

"We are informed that at the request of the last administration a certain group of American bankers undertook to participate in the loan now desired by the government of China (approximately \$125,000,000). The government wished American bankers to participate along with the bankers of other nations, because it desired that the good will of the United States towards China would be exhibited in this practical way, that American capital should have access to that great country, and that the United States should be in a position to share with the other powers any political responsibilities that might be associated with the development of the foreign relations of China in connection with her industrial and commercial enterprises. The present administration has been asked by this group of bankers whether it would also request them to participate in the loan. The representatives of the bankers through whom the administration was approached declared that they would continue to seek their share of the loan under the proposed agreements only if expressly requested to do so by the government.

Conditions Not Approved.

The administration has declined to make such request because it did not approve the conditions of the loan or the implications of responsibility on its own part which it was plainly told would be involved in the request.

The conditions of the loan seem to us to be nearly the administrative independence of China itself, and this administration does not feel that it ought even by implication to be a party to those conditions. The responsibility on its part which would be implied in requesting the bankers to undertake the loan might conceivably go the length in some unhappy contingency of forcible interference in the financial and even the political affairs of that great Oriental state. Just now awakening to a consciousness of its power and its obligations to the people, the conditions of the loan, not only the pledging of particular taxes, some of them antiquated and burdensome, to secure the loan, but also the administration of those taxes by foreign agents. The responsibility on the part of our government implied in the encouragement of a loan thus secured and administered is plain enough and is obnoxious to the principles upon which the government of our people rests.

Willing to Aid Chinese.

The government of the United States is not only willing, but earnestly desirous of aiding the great Chinese people in every way that is consistent with their untrammeled development and its own immemorial principles. The awakening of the people of China to a consciousness of their possibilities under free government is the most significant, if not the most momentous, event of our generation. With this movement and aspiration the American people wish to sympathize. They certainly wish to participate, and participate very generously, in opening to the Chinese and to the use of the world the almost untouched and perhaps unutilized resources of China.

"The government of the United States is earnestly desirous of promoting the most extended and intimate trade relations between this country and the Chinese republic. The present administration will urge and support the legislative measures necessary to give American merchants, manufacturers, contractors and engineers, the banking and other financial facilities which they now lack, and without which they are at a serious disadvantage as compared with their industrial and commercial rivals. This is its duty. This is the main material interest of its citizens in the development of China. Our interest is that of the open door—a door of friendship and mutual advantage. This is the only door we care to enter."

ASSAULT CASE AT MADISON IS DISMISSED

MADISON, Neb., March 18.—(Special.)—The case of State of Nebraska against Harrison L. Carter, charged with assaulting the five-year-old daughter of Night Policeman W. J. O'Brien of Norfolk on the streets of Norfolk one night last week, was heard before County Judge McDuffee yesterday afternoon. Carter is a traveling collector for some Kansas City agency. Witnesses for the state were W. J. O'Brien and daughter Bonnie, Irene Mills and Ruby White; for the defendant Byron Weeske and Frank Kane. County Attorney Koontzstein appeared for the state and H. F. Barhart for its defense. Judge McDuffee dismissed the case for want of evidence to sustain the charge. County Attorney Koontzstein at once had Carter arrested on the charge of assault and the hearing was set for April 2 and bail was fixed at \$200, which was given.

MR. BRYAN HAS NO MESSAGE

Secretary Refuses to Advise Illinois Legislators.

RESPONSIBILITY IS THEIRS

Address Is Made Immediately After Secretary of State Had Witnessed Fruitless Ballot for Senator.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 18.—Secretary of State Bryan, who, it is believed, carries the authority of the Wilson administration to settle the democratic fight over the Illinois senatorship, declined today to discuss the matter before the regular ballot was taken. Previous to the vote he held no conference on the subject, it was declared, except the one on the way here from Chicago. In that conference Mr. Bryan, Governor Dumm, Colonel Lewis, the democratic primary choice for senator, and William L. O'Connell, the governor's political advisor, took part. Mr. Bryan indicated that he had not committed either himself or the federal administration.

The eleventh joint ballot on the long term United States senatorship resulted in no choice, despite Mr. Bryan's presence. The leaders were L. Y. Sherman, republican, with 74, J. H. Lewis, democrat, with 58, and Frank Funk, progressive, with 28.

The secretary of state had no "secret message" from President Wilson, as the Illinois senatorial situation, he told the joint session of the Illinois legislature. Mr. Bryan asserted that he came more as a private citizen, "speaking to those who are invested with great responsibility," than as an official of the federal government. Mr. Bryan heard the votes on the senatorship which resulted in no choice for either the long or the short term.

Responsibility is theirs.

"Only in the most general terms did Secretary Bryan refer to the complex Illinois political problem, and then chiefly as an illustration of citizenship duties. "I am not here to tell you what you ought to do," he said. "I decline to tell, even if I am asked, for two reasons. "In the first place the responsibility is not upon me. It is upon you. In the second place your knowledge must be more complete than mine. One from the outside must rely on those who communicate to him and if their communication is for any reason incomplete or inaccurate, he then is not well informed."

Concerning President Wilson's attitude, Mr. Bryan said:

"I came with no secret message from the executive. The president represents the ideal of publicity in politics, not the ideal of secrecy."

Convict's Testimony May Save Slayer of "Paddy the Priest"

NEW YORK, March 18.—John Morrissey, a convict in Dannemora state prison, will be brought here next Monday, it was announced by the district attorney's office today, to tell what he knows of the killing of Patrick McBrean, "Paddy the Priest," for whose murder John Mulroney was to have been electrocuted at Sing Sing this morning. Mulroney was granted a sixty-day reprieve by Governor Sulzberger yesterday.

William A. McCabe, an agent of the state prison department, received a letter today from Morrissey, who declared that he stood outside of McBrean's Tenth avenue saloon, heard the fatal shots fired, and saw two men run from the place. Neither of the men was Mulroney, Morrissey wrote.

Morbidness of Girls Due to Lack of Air and Sunshine

PARIS, March 18.—A certain morbidness among girls and women, which rests so heavily on modern life is due to lack of air, air and sunshine, according to Prof. Manjon of Nice, the chief speaker at today's session of the physical education congress. "Sun bathing, air bathing and frequent physical exercises in loose garments are indispensable to good health and good temper in women," declared the lecturer. In a later part of his address he urged that the girl pupils in high schools ought to be taught the elements of knowledge fitting them for motherhood.

Women to Besiege the Extra Session

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Demanding a constitutional amendment to enfranchise women, the National American Woman Suffrage association is planning to besiege congress at the extra session as never before.

As a preliminary movement the association has planned a monster mass meeting in a local theater on the morning of April 7, when the extra session convenes. There are to be many speakers of reputation and the definite program will be outlined for the onslaught on congress.

When the extra session begins there is to be in Washington one of the greatest gatherings of women advocates of equal suffrage the capital has ever witnessed. It was announced at suffrage headquarters today. From every congressional district in the union there will come at least one woman and there also will be at least two representatives-at-large from each state. They are to bring from their districts and states the demand for a suffrage amendment.

GABRIEL DOG TEAM WINS HUNDRED-MILE RACE

NOME, Alaska, March 18.—The 100 mile dog team race over the snow trail from Solomon to Council was won yesterday by the Gabriel dogs in twelve hours, forty minutes and two seconds. Chris Jensen was second and Akkula a native driver, third. The race was close, the three teams running together all the way. The 62-mile Al. Alaska sweepstake dog team race, the classic event of the north, probably will be run April 2. The purse will be \$10,000.

INSURANCE BOARD LEFT IN THE BILL

Senate Spends Day Discussing Measure and Refuses to Eliminate Provision.

DECIDE THIS IS VITAL CLAUSE

Number Hold Stricter Insurance Regulation Imperative.

WOULD PROHIBIT REBATES

Stringent Provision Incorporated to This End.

REGULATE FRATERNAL BODIES

Section Adopted that Explicitly Provides that Every Society Under This Head Must Have Representative Government.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., March 18.—(Special.)—The code insurance bill will probably not be able to recognize itself when it becomes a law, if it ever reaches that final stage. The senate worked away on the bill and finally reached the end, but went back again, and when the noon recess was taken were amending portions of the bill which required fixing up to correspond with the changes made in going through the first time.

The fight of the afternoon came on an amendment by Bushe striking out all of the section creating an insurance board consisting of the governor, attorney general and auditor, to have charge of the insurance department.

Hearty said that the senate might just as well kill the bill altogether as to kill this section.

"If this section is stricken out I will vote against the bill," said he.

Hoagland of Lincoln objects also creating a new board at an additional expense to the state where there had been nothing shown by the conduct of the insurance department under the state auditor to warrant any change.

"The bill," said he, "calls for an actuary at a salary of \$3,500 and one or more insurance inspectors at \$2,000 each." He thought that it was all a useless expense and was saddling on to other state officers more work when the people had voted to create a board of control to take the work off of the same officers.

Board stays in bill.

Kemp said that it had been said that the creation of this board was a reflection upon the state auditor. He wished to say that there was no reflection upon the state auditor. The state auditor was just entering upon his duties, and therefore it could be no reflection upon him. Macfarland wanted to know why it was necessary to go to all this extra expense upon the people when the department had been conducted in the past satisfactorily.

Dodge said that the department of insurance always had been handled in a very weak manner, and he thought it was time to create a board who would

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Wilson is in Favor of Budget System

WASHINGTON, March 18.—President Wilson is in favor of a budget system for the conduct of the government finances. He made public today a letter written on January 30 from Trenton to Senator Tillman, expressing the hope that a budget system might be worked out after he got to Washington. President Wilson wrote in part:

"Ever since I was a youngster I have been deeply interested in our method of financial legislation. One of the objects I shall have most in mind when I get to Washington will be conferences with my legislative colleagues there with a view to bringing some budget system into existence. This business of building up the expenses of the nation, piece by piece, will certainly lead us to error and perhaps embarrassment."

This promise to be a quiet week socially at the White House. President Wilson will observe holy week. He wrote a letter to a friend today declining an invitation to a theater, saying that he would be glad to go some other time.

French Cabinet is Defeated and Resigns

PARIS, March 18.—Premier Briand and all the members of his cabinet handed their resignations to President Poincaré at the Palace of the Elysee at 7 o'clock this evening.

The French government under the premiership of Aristide Briand was defeated today on a vote of confidence, during a debate in the senate.

The vote against the government was 191 to 128. It was taken during debate on a bill for reforming the system of electoral representation for the Chamber of Deputies. The measure known as the "proportional representation bill" was passed by the Chamber of Deputies last July. The Briand cabinet met its Waterloo in the upper house today on an amendment introduced by a republican liberal, Paul Peytral.

The vote on the amendment was adverse to the government and Briand immediately demanded a vote of confidence. He was defeated. The sitting was suspended and the cabinet retired to draw up their resignations. They were loudly cheered by the premier's supporters.

Hundred and Thirty Miners Imprisoned

HENDERSON, Pa., March 18.—One hundred and thirty miners are imprisoned today in a coal mine of the Pittsburgh Coal company at Besket's, near here, because of a cave-in which has clogged the mouth of the shaft. Reports from the mine stated that the men have been unable to make their way out through the shaft, though there have been no fatalities. It was expected the men would be released soon.

Welcome Home!



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

NAME BOARD OF CONTROL Judge Kennedy, Ex-Governor Holcomb and Henry Gerdes Chosen.

SENATE CONFIRMS APPOINTEES

Selection of Judge Kennedy Leaves Vacancy on District Bench in Douglas County, Which Governor is to Fill.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 18.—(Special.)—Henry Gerdes of Richardson county, Judge Howard Kennedy of Omaha and ex-Governor Silas A. Holcomb of Cass county compose the new board of control appointed by Governor Morehead today and confirmed by the senate this afternoon.

Gerdes gets the six-year term, Kennedy, the republican, the four-year term and Holcomb the two-year term.

Before announcing the appointments Governor Morehead held a consultation with a number of the senators after which the republicans of the senate decided at a caucus to support the appointees. While in Omaha yesterday Governor Morehead secured the consent of Judge Kennedy to serve on the board. His acceptance means the governor will appoint a district judge to fill the vacancy thus created. The new appointee, of course, will be a democrat.

The new board takes the place of the one recently appointed by the governor and turned down by the senate, composed of Henry Gerdes, Charles Gregg and Charles Graf.

Of the new board, Gerdes served in several sessions of the legislature and is a resident of Governor Morehead's home town. Judge Kennedy has become well known over the state by reason of his activity in connection with the juvenile court. Judge Holcomb has served the state as district judge, governor and supreme judge. For a number of years he has been afflicted with rheumatism and his health has suffered severely. A few years ago he went to the northwest for a while, hoping that a change of climate would be beneficial to him. His hopes, however, were in vain. His friends say, however, he is sufficiently vigorous to make a useful member of the new board. He resides at Broken Bow.

The bills outlining the duties of the board of control are still pending several in the house and one or two in the senate. It is expected the salary will be \$250 or \$300 for each member, who will be required to devote their entire time to the work.

The action of the senate in refusing to confirm the first board presented by the governor met with the approval of the democrats of the Third district, or at least some of them. A committee of three (three of them sent in the effect that a bouquet with a note to the effect that they congratulated him in refusing to vote for the confirmation of a democrat "colated upon the people by Brother Charlie." What hand "Brother Charlie" had in the naming of this board is yet to be shown.

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS TAKE THE CHOICE OFFICES

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Democratic senators began today to seize upon the choice offices and committee rooms that have been occupied by the republicans for years. The work of moving will be pushed, in order that the new occupants may be comfortably settled by the time the extra session convenes, April 7. Practically every democratic senator will move.

Senator O'Gorman of New York, who has had to be satisfied with an office in a far off corner of the office building under the republican regime will move into the quarters formerly occupied by Senator Penrose in the capitol. The latter will move into the office building. Senator Lodge will exchange offices with Senator Tillman. Senator Overman will occupy the suite formerly used by Senator Crane. Senator Simmons will have the luxurious apartments of former Senator Aldrich. Senator Bacon, as head of the foreign affairs committee, today moved into Senator Culbom's office, and so it is all along the line.

Hearing in Contempt Case Against Editor Nelson is Begun

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 18.—Hearing in the contempt case against William R. Nelson, editor and owner of the Kansas City Star, were begun today before Charles C. Craig, commissioner appointed by the Missouri supreme court.

Mr. Nelson was cited for contempt last month by Judge Joseph A. Guthrie of the circuit court, following the publication of an article criticizing a lawyer for his fee in a case settled out of court. Judge Guthrie found the veteran editor guilty, sentenced him to one day in jail and ordered him incarcerated immediately.

Mr. Nelson avoided going to jail by obtaining a writ of habeas corpus from the Kansas City court of appeals. The latter court released him on personal bond and certified the case to the supreme court.

Eighty Small Ships Sunk by Hurricane

HAMBURG, Germany, March 18.—Eighty ships, mainly small craft, were sunk off this city early today in a southerly hurricane. Twelve deaths have already been reported and it is thought that the death list may reach fifty persons.

Haight Keeps His Name Out of Dummy Coal Corporation

CHICAGO, March 18.—James A. Haight, an attorney of Seattle, testified in the Alaska land fraud case today concerning a letter in which A. C. Frost, a defendant, asked him to organize the Alaska Coal company, capitalized at \$100,000.

"I want this done so in no wise to connect my personality with it or anyone interested in the Alaska Central railway company, and for that reason would not like to have even your name appear in the organization," wrote Frost. "I want this done to hold the name Alaska Coal company."

A week later, according to the documentary evidence introduced Haight replied that he had the organization under way.

A. A. Davison, one of the dummy entrymen, was kept busy on the witness stand identifying letters written by himself and Frank Watson, another defendant.

One of the main points of the defense, it is said, will be that none of the dummy entrymen thus far heard have claimed that they were under contract to turn the coal lands over to Frost.

Boy Who Passed Saws to Prisoners in Jail Shot in Leg

DENVER, Colo., March 18.—George Davis, aged 19 years, is in the county hospital today with a bullet in his right leg as the result of an attempt last night to release three friends from the city jail with saws and nitroglycerin.

Frank Howard, Arthur Dean and John Ryan, his friends, were locked up some days ago. Dean is awaiting extradition to Salina, Kan., on a forgery charge.

Davis called at the city jail last night and was permitted to talk to them. Police officials, warned of an attempted jail-break, saw Davis pass a bundle of saws to the prisoners and a small bottle to Howard.

Davis then engaged the officers in conversation to distract their attention from the prisoners. When the latter made a break, having sawed the bars of their cell doors, Policeman Gaven fired on Davis, who led the way, bringing him down with a bullet in his leg. City detectives pounced upon Howard, Dean and Ryan. Thereupon it was discovered that the small bottle Davis had passed to Howard contained sufficient explosive to wreck the jail.

VIOLATES HOME RULE SPIRIT Water District Bill for Omaha Denounced by Charter Commission.

STRONG RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Measure as Now Before Nebraska Legislature an Unjustified Interference in Purely Local Affairs.

Voting unanimously, the City Charter commission at its first public business session yesterday adopted a resolution denouncing senate file No. 17, a bill creating a metropolitan water district, as a violation of the spirit of the home rule constitutional amendment and an unjustified interference by the legislature in purely local affairs. A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to the legislature.

State Senator John E. Regan introduced the resolution. "There is nothing personal in this," he said. "I have worked for home rule, believing that when we attained it we would really have the right to govern our affairs. This bill I conceive to be a violation of the spirit and the principle of home rule. Without prejudice toward anyone, without attempting to stir up strife, I believe this commission ought to stand on its dignity and ask the legislature not to interfere."

Reasons for haste.

W. I. Kierstead said there was reason for haste, as the bill was now ready to be placed upon its third reading.

J. H. Bennett said he was ready to vote and C. L. Shamp urged the passage of the measure. Carl Herring objected to certain details, saying he did not understand the bill sufficiently to justify a vote in favor of the resolution, which set forth the provisions, as interpreted.

Vote.

Rosewater, chairman of the commission, sustained the objections, saying the resolution, had he drafted it, would have laid more stress upon the principle of home rule, which was violated, than upon the provisions of the bill. This suggestion met with favor, and with a concluding speech by Er. E. Holvetchner, who said the people had expressed themselves on the proposition by defeating by a substantial majority the Water board's candidate for the commission, and a final word by Senator Regan, the vote was taken and the resolution adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the city of Omaha has elected to proceed under the constitutional amendment authorizing cities to frame a charter for their own government and a charter convention has been called and members to such convention have been elected to prepare a charter for the city of Omaha.

Whereas, The city of Omaha has heretofore purchased the water plant of said city and has paid therefor by the issuance of bonds the sum of \$6,500,000, for the payment of which bonds the credit of said city is pledged; and

Whereas, There has been introduced in the legislature of the state of Nebraska senate file No. 17, which senate file seeks to create a metropolitan water district embracing within its limits territory outside of the city of Omaha, and which gives the control of the water plant of the city of Omaha to the authorities of said district, thus depriving the city of Omaha of the power to regulate and manage the water plant by a home rule charter; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the charter convention of the city of Omaha that senate file No. 17 be condemned for the following reasons: 1. It is contrary to the spirit of the constitution authorizing cities to frame their own charter and manage their own internal affairs.

2. It takes the control of the water plant, the property of the city of Omaha, from the people of said city and places it in the hands of a board elected, not by the city, but by a district comprising within its limits territory other than the city of Omaha; therefore, be it further

Resolved, That this convention hereby requests the members of the legislature to do all in their power to defeat the passage of said senate file No. 17, and save the solving of all questions connected with the water works of Omaha to the people of Omaha, who are in touch with local conditions.

Committees Are Named.

Chairman Rosewater announced the appointment of the following committees, and the appointments were approved: Public Affairs—Regan, chairman; Kierstead, Metcalf.

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KING OF GREECE ASSASSINATED IN CITY OF SALONIKI

Greek Monarch Who Has Been in Personal Command of Army in Field is Killed.

WAS THERE FOR THREE MONTHS

Monarch Went There in December to Meet King Ferdinand.

ON THRONE HALF A CENTURY

He Was Elected King Fifty Years Ago Today.

HE WAS MARRIED IN YEAR 1867

Widow Niece of Late Alexander II of Russia.

EARLY REIGN WAS PEACEFUL

An Attempt Was Made to Assassinate Him and His Daughter Marie, Soon After Close of War of 1867.

LONDON, March 18.—Two men attacked the king from behind in the street. One of them shot him and he died in half an hour. One of the assassins, Alexander Schiras, is supposed to be demented. All measures for the preservation of order have been taken by the Greek authorities.

Queen-Mother Alexandra, sister of King George of Greece, received official news at 10 o'clock this evening that the Greek monarch had been assassinated at Saloniki.

SALONIKI, March 18.—King George of Greece was assassinated here this afternoon.

King George, who had taken personal command of his troops during the earlier period of the war, had been here since December, when the Turkish fortress was occupied by Greeks after a short siege.

The queen of Greece also has been here and has paid great attention to the care of the sick and wounded.

King George in December had a meeting here with King Ferdinand of Bulgaria to discuss the fate of the captured Turkish territory after the war.

Censor Holds Back News.

LONDON, March 18.—The news of the assassination of King George came from the correspondent of the Greek semi-official news agency at Saloniki. It was filed in Saloniki at 6:35 p. m.

It is believed here the censorship is preventing the dispatch of details.

Both the Greek embassy and the British (Continued on Page Seven.)

Nevada Favors Home Rule CARSON CITY, Nev., March 18.—The Nevada senate passed a resolution today favoring home rule in Ireland. It is to be transmitted to Premier Asquith and John Redmond.

TO THE PROPERTY OWNER.

What is your agent doing? Is he making his best effort to sell your property?

Have you been doing YOUR part to aid him in securing a buyer? Have you allowed your agent a certain amount of money to spend in advertising your property, or is he supposed to spend his money in advertising it?

TODAY'S most active agents, as well as owners who handle their own property deals, have some kind of property listed in these real estate columns TODAY, is YOUR property mentioned here?

TOMORROW'S most active agents for property for sale will have something listed in these columns TOMORROW. Will YOURS be there?

If selling through an agent, phone him to "speed up" and get a buyer through an ad in these columns tomorrow. If handling your own property, get busy yourself and send your ad to The Bee in time for tomorrow's issue.

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