

State Department Denies Charges by Morgenthau

Statement Says Former Ambassador Wrong on Position of Government at Lausanne Conference.

Washington, Nov. 30.—(By A. P.)—Published attacks upon the position of the American government in taking at the Lausanne conference, attributed to Henry Morgenthau, ambassador to Turkey under the Wilson administration, prompted the State department to issue a formal denial rather than the implication involved in the printed version of Mr. Morgenthau's remarks than at the specific allegations they contained.

The specific statement involved alleged co-operation of the State department with the Standard Oil company to obtain renunciation by the Dutch Shell company, a British concern, of a portion of its interests in Palestine, in favor of the American company. The department's statement said Mr. Morgenthau had been either incorrectly quoted or misinformed in this connection.

The general implication read by department officials into Mr. Morgenthau's remarks was that the American government was chiefly concerned at Lausanne or elsewhere in obtaining commercial opportunities in the near east for American oil companies. In that connection, the department's statement said:

Implication Denied.

"The implication in this (Mr. Morgenthau's) statement was vigorously denied by the department. "The only act taken by the department which could possibly be referred to in the published account," the statement continued, "was its mandate notes asking for equal opportunity for American enterprise in mandate territories, an attitude which this administration has taken as well as the prior administration."

"The Standard Oil company is understood to hold a number of permits from the Turkish government for oil prospecting in Palestine, some of them antedating the war. There has been correspondence of a most friendly character between the Washington and London governments in connection with these and it was said that the British authorities had shown no inclination to deny their validity or to prevent prospecting under them.

Dutch Company Not Concerned.

In none of these matters, however, was the Dutch Shell company, referred to by Mr. Morgenthau, concerned, it was added, nor has the Standard Oil or any other American concern been furnished with State department letters intended for the negotiations with other oil concerns in Palestine or in Mesopotamia.

It is possible that Mr. Morgenthau had in mind correspondence over Mesopotamian interests in which the United States objected to the exclusive division of the field there between British and French interests under the San Remo agreement. The British recognized at the time of that correspondence, the soundness of the American complaint at being excluded from any opportunity for American enterprise and while no official report has yet been received of Lord Curzon's statement to the press at Lausanne recently that Great Britain regarded the San Remo pact as "null and void," there is no disposition here to doubt that such is the British attitude.

Portions of Woman's Skull Introduced in Murder Case

Greeley, Colo., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—The prosecution contends today that the skull of Miss Edna Fern Skinner was fractured by a hammer blow were introduced as evidence in the trial of Bert J. Lowe for the alleged slaying of his sister-in-law here. A piece of the dead girl's skull, revealing what was said to be a fracture caused by a sharp blow, also was given to the jurors for examination.

The chief testimony in the case was given by J. E. Hamilton, deputy sheriff, who was present at the autopsy at Leroy. He testified to conversations he said he had had with Lowe after the death of Miss Skinner, to Lowe's demeanor and to the holding of the autopsy at Leroy.

Central City Pioneer Has Water Power Project

Central City, Neb., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Neil Wittman, 31, pioneer of this city, is busy working out a project whereby the people of Nebraska will realize 2-cent electricity. He proposes the building of a tied underground channel along the Platte river, which has a fall of seven feet to the mile, and which will furnish the water power for the manufacture of electricity. Mr. Wittman, in speaking of the vast expense connected with a proposition of this kind, maintained that he was at work trying to have the United States government finance the project by the sale of a large tract of timber land which the hold in Grand county, Colorado. He would secure the water from Grand Lake, Colo.

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Business Men Will Fly to Arctic This Summer



Seven nationally known American business men plan to fly to the Arctic next summer, in 72 flying hours, in quest of the walrus and polar bear. The trip, by boat and sled, would take weeks. This photograph shows the airplane in which they will travel. It is being built at Keyport, N. J. L. M. Uppercu, president of the Cadillac Motor Car company, and Charles E. Redden, president of the Aeromarine Airways, Inc., are shown together in front of the plane. They, with H. E. Coffin, H. H. Emmons, J. W. Inchea, W. E. Metzger and C. F. Rodden, will make the trip.

Bargain Sales Discontinued

Nebraska Clothing Company Announces It Will Not Reduce Prices.

A change in market conditions which, according to John A. Swanson of the Nebraska Clothing company, has made it impossible to obtain good merchandise, has led that firm to announce that there will be no further reductions on men's, young men's and juvenile clothing during December, January and February.

"We make this announcement that our many friends and patrons may be guided accordingly," said Mr. Swanson, who is president of the company. "The Nebraska Clothing company's policy is to sell at all times the most reliable quality of clothing. We will not substitute inferior merchandise to make the appearance of a so-called bargain."

"Today there is no surplus of desirable standard clothing in the wholesale markets. C. S. Stegner, one of our assistant buyers, called on many big wholesale tailors in Chicago and came to this undeniable conclusion. In September we ordered 1,500 suits from an eastern wholesale tailor. A short time later this house offered us \$6,000, or about \$4 a suit, to let him out of the contract to deliver the suits. We refused and they are now in our hands. The wholesale price on these suits has advanced \$2.50 to \$7.50 since we obtained the contract, but that advance will not be reflected in the prices we ask for the suits."

County Attorney Defies Cleanup Order of Governor

Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Characterizing Governor Robertson's order calling upon the attorney general's office for an immediate investigation of liquor law enforcement conditions in Tulsa county "as a big joke," County Attorney W. F. Seaver, defied the state's executive and said "the whole attorney general's force can come down here and see what they can do about it."

U. S. Ambassador to France Treated to Holiday Dinner

Paris, Nov. 30.—(By A. P.)—The American club treated Ambassador Myron T. Herrick and the French senator, Henry de Jouvenel, tonight to a Thanksgiving dinner at the club. The dinner was given by the French kitchen can supply. C. Imman Barnard, who presided showed the guests the medal commemorating the first Thanksgiving dinner enjoyed by the Pilgrims in the 17th century, and remarked that a good many troubles had happened meanwhile; yet there were still many things to be thankful for.

Columbus Business Women Form Mutual Benefit Club

Columbus, Neb., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—With a charter membership of 24, organization of the Columbus Business Women's club was perfected. To take active interest in civic affairs, promote the general welfare of its members and afford them an occasional evening together is the purpose of the club. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Mabel Swift; vice president, Clara Aerni; secretary, Miss Dorothea Koesse; treasurer, Mrs. Mabel Olson.

Mrs. Rose Smith Dies; Burial to Be in Kearney

Mrs. Rose Smith, 67, died Wednesday at the residence of her brother, Emil Schaub, 1533 Park avenue. She is survived by her husband, Charles Smith; three sons, Charles A., Jr., of Payette, Idaho, Ralph of North Platte and George of Kearney; and three daughters, Mrs. C. N. Anderson of Grand Island, Mrs. R. P. Seiple of Omaha and Miss Harriet Smith of Kearney. The body will be shipped from Gentleman's mortuary to Kearney today for burial.

Pawnee City Woman Hurt in Automobile Crash

Pawnee City, Neb., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Mrs. Viola Mick of this city was seriously injured when the car in which she was riding struck a culvert while traveling at a fast rate of speed. It was being driven by Charles Edwards, who occupied with minor injuries. Mrs. Mick was taken to the Pawnee hospital, she suffered a dislocated hip and possible internal injuries.

Elgin Review Sold to Albion Newspaper Man

Elgin, Neb., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Charles H. Strickland has sold his Elgin Review to A. C. Gardner of Albion. Mr. Gardner has been connected with the Albion News for the past 18 years. The past three of which he has been part owner. He disposed of his interests in the News two weeks ago. Mr. Strickland has owned and operated the Review for 15 years.

Victims of School Fire Buried in Same Casket

Conington, Okla., Nov. 30.—James Strickland, the small son of John J. Strickland and Charles D. Strickland, 8, died Monday, who lost their lives in the High Point school fire Tuesday, which resulted in severe burns and injuries to nearly two score other school children, were buried in the same casket.

Osteopaths Will Meet

Central City, Neb., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—The osteopaths of the north-west section of Nebraska will meet in convention in Central City December 6. The leading address will be delivered by Dr. C. B. Allen of Omaha.

Harding Behind Hospital Program for Ex-Soldiers

President and Former President Send Messages to American Legion Through National Commander.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Messages from President Harding, Mrs. Harding and former President Wilson to members of the American Legion were delivered here by Alvin M. Owsley, national commander of that organization. Speaking first into a radio telephone for broadcasting over the country and later before a local legion post, Mr. Owsley described his visits during the day to the White House and the S Street home of Mr. Wilson.

The national commander said President Harding, in reply to inquiries, had asked him to tell the former service men that the executive was behind the national program for hospitals for disabled veterans and was determined that it should be pushed to an early conclusion. The president also declared, he said, for a practical administration of the law giving world war veterans preference in employment under the civil service.

As he was preparing to leave the executive offices, Mr. Owsley said he was informed that Mrs. Harding would be glad to receive him. "She got up out of a bed of sickness, dressed herself and was wheeled out in an armchair," the national commander said. "She told me: 'I want you to say to the executive that your friend has been sick, but is much better now and soon will be on the job again.'"

Mr. Owsley said that on his visit to the Wilson home he had told the wartime president he had come to pay his respects to him as the former commander-in-chief of the veterans and to ask for a message to them. He declared that Mr. Wilson's eyes flashed, that he sat more erect and his jaw set. "Say to them," the former chief executive was quoted, "that I am their comrade; say to them that they were the real soldiers who fought for the liberty of the world; say to them that they were the crusaders for liberty."

Stolen Auto Strikes Train; Two Men Hurt, Two Arrested

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Six men alleged to have been traveling in a stolen automobile crashed into a Chicago & Northwestern freight train at DeKalb, Ill., and two were severely injured, two captured and two escaped. John Edwards, 20, of Los Angeles, incurred fractures of both arms and both legs and James Blake, 21, Louisville, Ky., suffered a broken jaw and a possible skull fracture.

Beatrice Man Beaten and Robbed of \$65

Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 30.—Charles Wolf, employe of the J. H. Von Steen Manufacturing company here, was perhaps fatally injured tonight when robbed of \$65 by holdup men as he was about to enter a stable used for the company's team. He was struck down in the dark and afterwards crawled to a nearby house. He was rushed to a hospital where, it was said, a gash across his head would probably prove fatal. Officers found a heavy iron bar used to strike down the victim. Bloody finger prints about the stable were also discovered. No arrests had been made at a late hour.

Movie Actress Sentenced to Five Days for Speeding

Los Angeles, Nov. 30.—Twenty-eight speeders were sent to jail by police judges here belonging to 250 the total number to receive jail sentences in the campaign begun 30 days ago to abolish reckless driving by giving offenders terms in the city jail.

Father Objects to Marriage; Denver Youth Kills Self

Denver, Colo., Nov. 30.—Eugene Rockhill, 18, shot and killed himself here Wednesday as a result of objection by his father, Edwin Rockhill, president of an automobile goods company, to his plans for marrying Miss Melvina F. Fletcher, Young Rockhill telephoned Miss Fletcher and drove to a spot near her home, where he shot himself while seated in his automobile.

Four Months on Chain Gang Awaits I. W. W. in California

Calistoga, Cal., Nov. 30.—Four months on the chain gang "is the minimum sentence militant members of the I. W. W. may expect if they are caught in Calistoga under any pretext whatever," according to Police Judge Marby. He made that pronouncement in imposing a sentence of that kind upon a man who gave his name as Jess Willard and said he was an I. W. W. and on the way to Los Angeles to join other members of the association in assisting striking mine workers connected with the I. W. W.

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Grocery Truck Driver Is Injured in Crash

Frank Johnson, 19, 1617 South Ninth street, driver for the Central Grocery company, suffered a broken arm and internal injuries Wednesday night when the car he was driving struck a curb and turned over. He swung the car to the curb to avoid colliding with another machine at Fourth avenue and Tenth street. Johnson was one and Tenth street. Johnson was pinned under the cab of his car. He was taken to Mercy hospital where he is in a serious condition.

Tiernans Agree to Bury Hatchet

Professor and Wife No. 1 to Forget Past in Happiness of Future. Omaha Bee Leased Wire. South Bend, Ind., Nov. 30.—And the first shall be last, speaking of John P. Tiernan's wife, Augusta H. Tiernan, the South Bend professor's first spouse, is now irrevocably re-established as the ultimate

Have We Left France "In the Lurch"?

After the Armistice did America forget the high resolves and purposes with which we entered the World War? Did we leave our Allies, especially France, "in the lurch"? In consequence of our attitude, is Germany in alliance with Russia and Turkey, confidentially preparing for a new attack upon France and the "Peace" of the World? The recent speeches by Mr. Clemenceau in this country confront us with these disturbing questions. "In the Armistice, in the Treaty and all that followed, there was a great share of pure American work," he reminded his hearers in New York. But "you left after the contract was finished, and you told us to execute it as we might. And you were wrong in that. You broke all the organs of economic solidarity. If we had known that for three years the thing that was guaranteed to us (reparations) was not coming to us, we would have gone to Berlin," he declared.

The leading article in The Literary Digest this week presents the reaction of the American press to the appeals and charges made by the "Tiger of France," Georges Clemenceau. Newspapers of varied political persuasion are included in the many quoted in the article, and all sections of the country are represented. A reading of this summary will give one a very clear idea of exactly what the French nation would have America do and the feeling in this country as to what we should do toward putting the world upon a peace basis.

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