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Premiers Hopelessly Deadlocked

Both French and British Delegates Expect Reparations Parley to End Today Without Agreement.

Will Break Allied Unity

Paris, Jan. 3.—(By A. P.)—Rupture of the premiers' conference, with all its dangerous possibilities for Europe and the near east, was barely avoided today by a recess until Thursday, when the unfinished declaration by the British prime minister, Mr. Bonar Law, in reply to Premiers Poincare and Theunis will be completed and Marquis Della Torretta will have a formal opportunity to state the Italian government's position.

The conference, in the judgment of both French and British delegates, will probably end Thursday without an agreement, thus breaking the unity among the allied governments, upon which the policies of all the principal western powers are based.

There is much dismay and anxiety over the situation. The tone of the conference has been cordial enough, but the British and French views are irreconcilable as they stand now.

Limited to Own Plan.

Mr. Bonar Law is regarded by the French as personally desirous of doing all he reasonably can to prevent a break, but since the publication of the British plan he is thought to be limited absolutely by his own propositions, or proposition which, in the view of the French, were prepared by officials of the British treasury, in co-operation with Sir John Bradbury, member of the reparations commission, and Lord D'Abernon, British ambassador to Germany.

The British prime minister, therefore, finds it wellnigh impossible to accept as a basis of discussion either the French or Italian plans, without taking into consideration the British plan from which they differ so radically.

Little Hope of Success.

There is no reason to draw a favorable deduction from a continuation of the conference Thursday, it was declared late tonight by a high official of the French foreign office. The discussion continues, he explained, because the members of the conference have not yet finished what they have to say, but nothing has developed to give hope that the French and British will come together. The British delegation tonight have equally abandoned hope of an accord on reparations after today's development.

M. Poincare's plain refusal even to accept the British plan as material for discussion, together with the French plan his virtually brought the conference to an end, in the view of the British representatives. They frankly admit that the conference is being prolonged Thursday or Friday at the latest, in order to preserve the Franco-British accord as long as possible because of the delicate negotations at Lausanne.

Fearful of Results.

The British government is fearful of the effect which the breaking of the entente would have on the Turks and also of the effect such an event would produce on the attitude of the French delegation at Lausanne, and the British are urging the French to continue to work in harmony at Lausanne despite the disagreement at Paris.

Premier Theunis and Foreign Minister Jaspar and their associates in the Belgian delegation took a more cheerful view of the day's events, because Mr. Bonar Law abandoned that part of the British plan setting aside Belgium's priority. The Belgian premier spoke in the conference with deep emotion, which is quite unusual in this businessman.

"Under no circumstances will Belgium renounce the right which she won by her stand during the war and by the allies' unanimous consent after the armistice," said M. Theunis.

All eyes were turned upon Mr. Bonar Law. Amid a dramatic silence, the British premier arose and said in a matter of fact way, which contrasted sharply with the Belgian premier's impassioned tones: "Very well, we yield. But we were under the impression that Belgium was prepared to make concessions."

Belgium Has Gone Limit.

"Belgium has reached the limits of her concessions; perhaps Germany might be called upon to make some effort," M. Theunis replied, and for a moment the atmosphere of the conference was rather heavily charged. But Marquis Della Torretta relieved the tension by suggesting that tea be served.

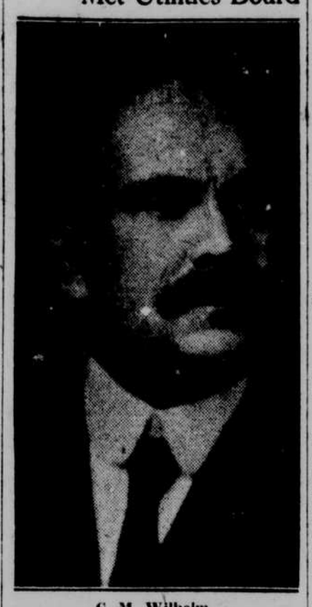
No mention was made during the meeting of the German proposals, and Dr. Bergmann said to The Associated Press tonight that unless the conference informed him it was ready to receive the new German proposals, it was quite likely they would never be offered. The Germans are convinced that the French mind is made up and that their new ideas would not stand much chance of being accepted.

American officials in Paris are following the conference closely and are keeping in constant touch with the foreign office and other official sources. Some British observers regarded the British plan as being partly American in character, and it is even hinted that the American government had, in a general way, an unofficial knowledge of its contents before it was presented. But American officials in Paris say they knew nothing of it previously.

Bandits Lock Up Victims.

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—Two bandits locked Mrs. May Golden and her 9-year-old daughter in the bathroom of their bungalow here last night and escaped with diamonds valued at $10,000, according to Mrs. Golden's report to the police

C. M. Wilhelm Heads Met Utilities Board



C. M. Wilhelm.

C. M. Wilhelm was elected president of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Utilities district at the annual meeting yesterday afternoon. Mr. Wilhelm served as vice president during the last year. J. C. Dahlman was named vice chairman. W. J. Coad is the retiring chairman.

Official bond was received for R. B. Howell and C. M. Gruenther, who were re-elected members of the board last November and who began new terms yesterday.

General Manager Howell, who is United States senator-elect, indicated informally that he expected to resign as general manager about March 1.

F. D. Wead stated that on next Saturday he will have served 10 years as member of the board.

Cut of $5,700,076 in State Budget Is Recommended

Principal Reductions Urged by Governor McKelvie Are in Road Building Funds.

Lincoln, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Governor McKelvie, before a joint session of the house and senate today recommended in his budget for biennial expenditures a reduction of $5,700,076.84 from appropriations requested by state expending agencies. Requests called for expenditures of $27,725,434.39. The governor recommended expenditures of $22,025,357.55.

The principal reductions recommended are $1,500,000 from the $3,000,000 requested for road building to meet a like appropriation from the federal government and $1,500,000 of federal funds which will not need to be placed in the appropriation bill if the legislature acts on the McKelvie recommendation. The federal government will meet any part of the $3,000,000. The governor suggests that the $3,000,000 be cut in half and the money be raised by a gasoline tax. Under the law the federal money received must be included in appropriations.

Normal Budget Hit.

Other reductions include $769,165.84 from the amount wanted by the state normal board for the four normal schools; $860,499.34 from the state university; $922,365 from institutions under state board of control; $15,000 military department; $2,000 from superintendent of public instruction.

The governor called attention to the fact that the four state normal schools requested appropriations totaling $2,303,471.67; teachers' college at state university, $133,852.73, while the state superintendent of public instruction requests $255,400 as state aid for normal training courses in Nebraska high schools.

"I recommend that you consider these items very carefully with a view to eliminating any duplications of effort or expenditure that may now exist," the governor said.

In closing the governor pointed to the following:

No Deficits Shown.

"I am pleased to be able to report to you that for the first time so far as I am informed no expending agency will show a deficiency in the end of the present biennium. This is made possible by operation of the executive budget which went into effect with reference to all state activities in April, 1921.

"Under this system of executive control of expenditures and account-

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Dusty Dollars

—in other words, the furniture standing unused in thousands of Omaha attics.

Someone wants that chair, davenport, picture or other household article in your attic.

Sell it through a "Want" Ad in The Omaha Morning Bee and The Evening Bee (two insertions for the price of one.)

Read and Use Omaha Bee "Want" Ads—the bee-line to results.

Farmers of State Are Optimistic

Meetings of Organized Agriculture Filled With Confidence for New Year.

Women Show Interest

Lincoln, Jan. 3.—(Special.) — All signs point to better times on the farm.

The meetings of organized agriculture on the campus of the state college of agriculture are filled with quiet confidence and an earnest determination for the new year. The most cheering news was that of Thorne A. Browne of the state railway labor board, who declared Nebraska railroads could now fairly be asked to reduce freight rates on agricultural products.

In some respects the standard of living on the farms has received a setback. Country people will always have plenty to eat, but they have done with less new clothing, fewer luxuries and postponed improvements during the past two years that otherwise would have been made. It has been a period of sacrifice in which attention has been centered on getting out of debt and recouping past losses.

Women Interested.

The average farm wife has been more interested in what caused the blotch in an alfalfa field than in getting a new power washing machine. Innumerable instances might be reported of women who have refused to have modern conveniences installed in their homes until they are sure that the finances of the family are in good shape.

One of the most interesting conferences of the campus is that of the Nebraska Home Economics association. Though there is no neglect in this meeting of cultural and humanitarian subjects, it is noticeable that their main interest is in what may be called the more practical topics. These farm women are alert to learn everything they possibly can about the traffic. The demonstrations of home dressmaking and millinery and the reports of the girls' sewing and clothing clubs are typical examples.

Perhaps the greatest interest was aroused by the address of W. H. Brokaw, director of the state extension service, on farm accounting. Many women came forward to ask for further information on how to keep books and to ask that classes be organized in their communities. Many children's accounting clubs have already been formed about the state. Mr. Brokaw explained that only by keeping books could farmers find the leaks or what sort of farming paid best in their localities. Thus, a man might make a profit on his grain and lose it on his stock and yet not be able to tell just where the shortage had come in unless he kept track of the separate items.

Must Study Costs.

"We have to study farm conditions more closely," Mr. Brokaw declared. "Who knows today what any particular farming community needs in order to prosper? We have to go deeper than ever before. Advice that is

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Aged Man and Son Fined in Booze Case

Federal Judge Woodrough fined George Damato, white-haired and venerable, $1,500, and his son, Joe Damato, $500 yesterday afternoon after a jury had returned a verdict finding them guilty of prohibition law violations at 1218 South Twentieth street.

"I am going to take the profit out of bootlegging," said the judge as he imposed the fines and ordered the younger Damato to jail until he pays.

Joe Calanzo also was found guilty and was fined $500.

Narcotic Agents Seize Records of Sanitarium

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—All records pertaining to treatment of patients and handling of narcotics at the Barker sanitarium here were seized by federal and state officers, who are investigating the Los Angeles activities of "Dr." John Scott Barker, arrested Monday in Oakland on charges of violating narcotic laws.

It was said a "great mass" of correspondence, records of patients, letters from Barker to Dr. Charles B. Blessing, manager of the sanitarium, who is said to be in Oakland, and other documents were seized and were being carefully examined.

The papers were said to relate in part to the fight against drugs made by Wallace Reid, motion picture actor, who recently became seriously ill, following his abandonment of drugs and liquor, and indicated that Juanita Hansen, film actress, also had undergone treatment.

Iowa Woman Slays Mate.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 3.—Contending that she fired in defense of her own life and that of her adopted baby boy of 2 years, Mrs. Paul L. Eberle, who yesterday shot and killed her husband, a stock broker, in an automobile on the road near Oskaloosa, was arrested at Oskaloosa on a charge of murder. She was released on $35,000 bonds and removed to a hospital in a state of collapse.

Mississippi Lowest in History.

Keokuk, Ia., Jan. 3.—The Mississippi river here is the lowest in history, according to records of the weather bureau and river pilots. The water is more than three feet below the low water mark of 1864, used as zero in river measurements here. Small turbines operating the government lock were temporarily put out of commission.

War Romance Ends in Wedding Here

A romance of the world war culminated here yesterday in the marriage of John A. Waidley, musician at the World theater, and Miss Ailine Achin, trained nurse.

The couple met in an army camp and the courtship was continued after Miss Achin came to Omaha. Miss Achin was a nurse with the French forces and came to Omaha three years ago.

Accompanying them were James C. Jamieson, also a musician at the World, and his bride of a few months, whom he met in France during the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Waidley were guests of World theater employes before leaving for Chicago on a honeymoon trip.

Five Prisoners Break Jail at Grand Island

Posse Captures Two in Tank Near City—Three Scheduled to Go to State Reformatory Today.

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Five county prisoners, three of them scheduled to be taken to the reformatory at Lancaster tomorrow, overpowered Jailer Schroeder at 5:45 tonight, took from him two guns and keys, and made their escape. One, Donner, short, stocky and round-faced, was in for stealing; Joe Wilson, tall, slim and light complected, was in on the same charge; George Cave, short, stocky, sandy complected, was under sentence of one to 20 years for shooting with intent to wound; Paul Knapp was under the same sentence for the same crime; William Wright wsa under sentence for forgery and with Cave and Knapp was booked for Lincoln.

Police tonight captured Wright and Knauu, who weer found hiding about the new septic tank in course of construction by the city.

Donner Led Break.

Jailer Schroeder and Courthouse Janitor Soland had just completed supper at the jail. A trusty named McCoy, was taking the dishes from the prisoners after serving them with a second helping. Donner made the first lunge for the cage door. Schroeder observed it and made a dash for the door, but got to it a moment too late to lock it. Donner, aided by the four others behind him, crowded open the door.

In a moment, they had two guns and Soland, coming up to aid Schroeder, faced the one in Donner's hand, but followed as the prisoners backed out of the jail door. Jumping off a four-foot wall behind the jail, the prisoners made for the Union Pacific yards and alleys, aided by the semi-darkness.

Soland Gives Chase.

Soland, who is 63, followed for some blocks, constantly giving the alarm. He was not armed. His chase was finally taken up by an unknown citizen who was armed.

A trusty named Carpenter, also under sentence, attempted to aid the jailer by rushing toward the phone, but was almost felled by a blow from Donner. In a moment the phone was wrested from its connection and made useless.

Sheriff Lorentzen and Deputy Sievers were notified, as were the police, and at once took up the man hunt.

It is believed that the men were given the cue as to the intention to take them to Lincoln tomorrow by the mother of Knapp, who called at the jail today.

Wilson broke out with another prisoner some months ago but voluntarily returned.

Private Secretary Weds; Hubby Gives $10,000 Check

Miss Essie Graetz, private secretary in the offices of the Union Pacific, and Morris Fisher, second-hand dealer, 213 South Twelfth street, were quietly married at the home of the bride at 7 last Saturday night.

Miss Graetz worked as usual Saturday, fully expecting to return Tues- they reached Cupid Stubendorf's office day, but somehow the couple decided to surprise their friends. It is said just as they were closing, but succeeded in obtaining their license. A check for $10,000 was given to Mrs. Fisher as a wedding present from the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are stopping at the Fontenelle, where they will remain until March.

Life of Unborn Babe Saved When Suicide Was Foiled

Mrs. Frank M. Fredrick, who was halted in an attempt to jump off the Douglas street bridge early Tuesday morning, sought to carry an unborn babe with her to a watery grave, police revealed yesterday.

She was met by her husband with open arms when she reached home, 409 South Thirty-fifth street, yesterday afternoon, and both have refused to answer inquiries.

Ed Calwallader, tollman on the bridge, who stopped the woman from taking the leap, wished yesterday to assure Mrs. Fredrick that his apparent rudeness at the time of the accident was not intentional.

P. I. Judge Victim of Bandits

Manila, Jan. 3.—(By A. P.)—Judge Andres Borromeo of the court of first instance for the Twenty-fourth district of the Philippines, has been killed by bandits. Eight men are held on charges of murder complicity. The supreme court and various courts of the first instance have addressed resolutions of condolence and adjourned as a mark of respect.

To Sell Confiscated Cars.

Two automobiles will be sold at auction Friday afternoon north of the postoffice by United States Marshal Cronin. They are a Ford touring car and a Studebaker roadster confiscated in booze cases.

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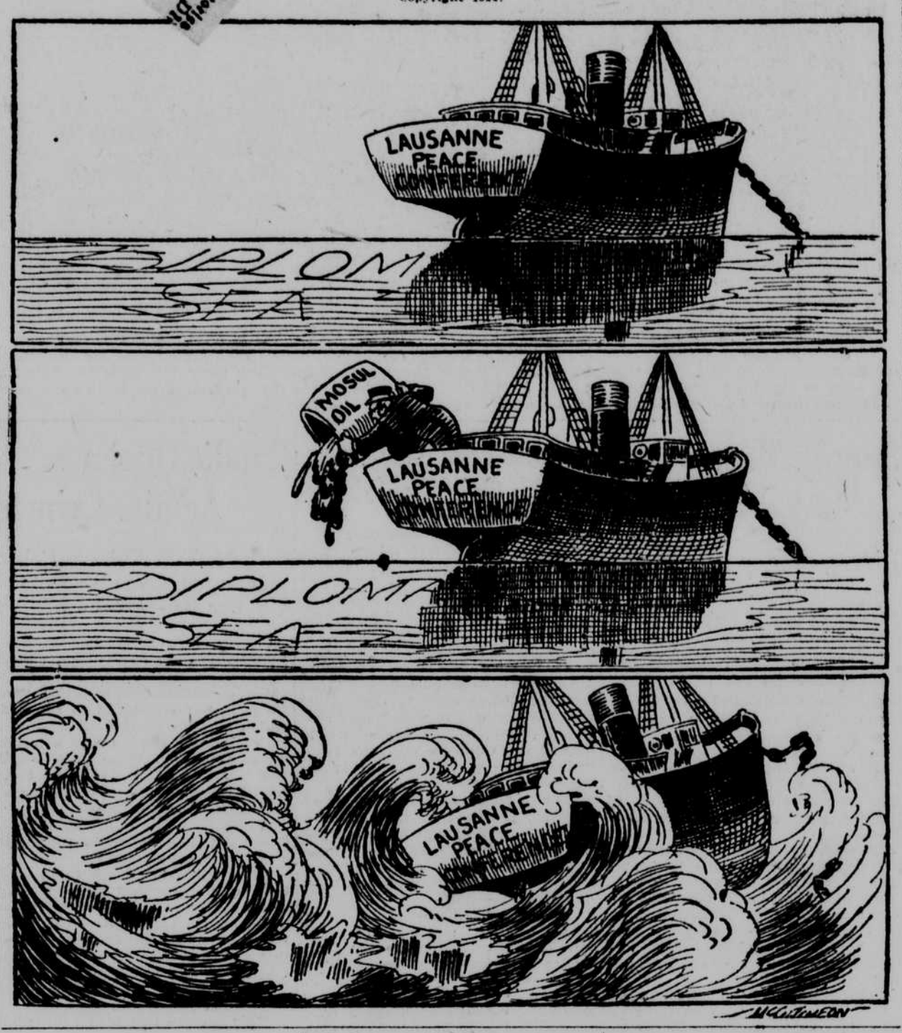

Body of Silver Creek Sage Is Cremated Here

Masonic Burial Services for Charles Wooster Held in the Forest Lawn Chapel.

The body of Charles Wooster, "Sage of Nebraska," arrived in Omaha Tuesday night at 8:50, accompanied by his wife, a son, Charles Wooster, jr., of Silver Creek, and two daughters, Dr. Margaret Wooster, a teacher in Smith college, Southampton, Mass., and Miss Pauline Wooster, employed in the Treasury department at Washington, D. C., together with a committee from Nebraska Lodge No. 1, of the Masonic order, which met them at Fremont.

Reduced to Ashes.

Masonic burial services were held yesterday morning at 10 in Forest Lawn chapel, following which the body was cremated, in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Wooster.

The last will of Mr. Wooster contained a request that his ashes be scattered from the Douglas street bridge, but just preceding his death he asked that his wife, his son and the family physican come to his bedside, when he requested that they disregard this clause in his will, and instead asked that his ashes be scattered from the Platte river bridge at Silver Creek; that he preferred this be done when the wind was "blowing up and down the river, and when the river was open and the water flowing."

To Carry Out Wishes.

"We will carry out my father's wishes as nearly as possible," said Charles Wooster. "We will have to wait until the time is right, and when it arrives, I will get a few of his Masonic friends and we will carry out his wishes in every detail."

Silver Creek has lost a notable character and friend. The school children all mourn his death for he was truly their pal. It was his custom every years to get all the school children of Silver Creek and surrounding district schools gathered on his farm where was held a big watermelon feast. For years this has been one of the interesting affairs in that vicinity.

Los Angeles Bank Messenger and Guard Robbed of $15,000

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—A messenger of the Hellman bank was robbed of $15,000 today by four robbers in the wholesale district, before the gaze of at least 40 pedestrians. The messenger, accompanied by a guard, had collected $7,000 from the Globe Dairy company and $8,000 from the Sanitary Gold Seal Dairy company, in front of which the robbery occurred. The robbers escaped by automobile.

Hamilton County Senator Is in Charge of Employes

Lincoln, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—At a brief session of the state senate today, Senator Reed of Hamilton county was appointed chairman of the committee on employes. All responsibility for employes will rest with Mr. Reed, who announced that the list would be very noticeably reduced.

The senate then adjourned to meet in joint session with the house.

Farm Fund Bill Passed.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The agricultural appropriation bill, carrying $68,981,553, was passed today by the house after Speaker Gillette had thrown out on a point of order a motion to send it back to committee with directions to include $360,000 for congressional free seed distribution.

Day's Activities in Washington

American representation on the reparations committee was proposed in a resolution offered by Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas.

President Harding vetoed the Bursum bill providing increased pensions for veterans of the civil and Mexican wars and their widows.

Construction of federal buildings in 140 cities at a cost of $40,000,000 was recommended in a report transmitted to congress by Secretary Mellon and Postmaster General Work.

Government aid provisions of the shipping bill were attacked by Senator Sheppard, democrat, Texas, after the senate, in session after a New Year's recess, resumed consideration of the measure.

Enactment of a flexible immigration law which would permit the entry of desirable aliens to relieve labor shortages was advocated before the house immigrations committee by representatives of merchant tailors.

Ambassador Harvey, back from London to report on various phases of the European situation, remained in seculsion at the White House as a guest of the president, except for a conference with Secretary Hughes at the State department.

Investigation of charges made recently in the house by Representative Upshaw, democrat, Georgia, that certain high government officials did not practice the prohibition enforcement "which they preach," was proposed in a resolution by Representative Hill, republican, Maryland.

Weeks Would Name Several Lieutenant Generals

Washington, Jan. 3.—Secretary Weeks indicated today that if he saw any hope of approval by congress he would recommend that the rank of lieutenant general be conferred on several officers who rendered distinguished service in the war, including Maj. Gens. Liggett and Crowder. The higher rank would be given the officers concerned, the war secretary said, after their retirement.

Gen. Crowder, who directed administration of the war draft law, normally would retire from active service next April, but his present detail as judge advocate general of the army, by virtue of which he holds the rank of major general, expires in February. Mr. Weeks indicated that Gen. Crowder probably would apply for retirement before his present detail ends, so that he would become a major general on the retired list. Otherwise he would go back to the rank of colonel on the retired list. Gen. Liggett already has retired with the rank of major general.

"Evidence Man" for Drys Explains How He Works

Clayton Lienbeck, "evidence man" for the federal prohibition enforcement department, detailed his manner of operation in Federal Judge Woodrough's court today at the trial of Joe Calanzro, charged with violation of the prohibition law.

"I met Joe at 1220 Davenport street December 20 about 8:30 in the morning," he said. "I told him I wanted to get 10 gallons of whisky to be delivered Saturday, December 23. I met him there again on Saturday at 8:30 in the morning. He agreed to let me know at 6:30 that night if he could get the liquor. At 6:30 I went there and the woman called Jackson 6197 and said, 'Joe, 10, Hazel.'"

He had notified federal officers meanwhile and they were stationed near at hand when, they alleged, Calanzro drove up to the house with the liquor at the appointed hour and they arrested him.

Stockholders Band to Defend Suit of Skinner Receiver

Meeting Here Names Committee to Oppose Action to Collect Notes Given for Shares.

Preliminary organization of stockholders in the Skinner Packing company who gave thei rnotes for stock in the company to defend a suit recently filed in federal court by Keith Neville, receiver for the concern, to collect the notes, was effected yesterday at a meeting of 60 stockholdrs in the Castle hotel.

Six men, Noah J. Peterson of Omaha, W. Mace of Omaha, F. C. Achtemier, Janson, Neb.; Michael Golligles, Fremont, Neb.; J. R. Morrison, Fullerton, Neb., and C. A. Cook, Wahoo, Neb., were appointed a committee with full power to retain counsel and do other things in the interest of the defendants to the suit of the receiver.

Altogether, there are 528 defendants, and the suit involves approximately $900,000.

To Meet January 12.

Members of the committee appointed yesterday will hold a second meeting January 12 in the offices of Donovan, Silverman and Kavanaugh, 1004 Omaha National bank building, at which time definite plans for the defense of the suit will be outlined.

Meantime, letters are being written to every defendant, setting forth in detail the action taken at yesterday's meeting, urging them to join forces wit hthe defendants represented at the meeting for their mutual bmenefit.

"The object of this organization is to unite all defendants for the purpose of handling the defense most advantageously," one member of the committee explained last night.

Scattered Over Two States.

Defendants to the suit are scattered all over Iowa and Nebraska and it is understood that one of the contentions will be that the stockholders can be sued only int heir own counties and that the receiver cannot bring a blanket suit in federal court.

Another contention probably will be that the notes upon which the suit is brought were obtained by misrepresenation and fraud, and are therefore not a valid cause of action.

Yesterday's gathering at the Castle hotel lasted from 10 in the morning until well after 5 at night and was described by the participants as being harmonious from start to finish.

Character of the defense to be offered was not outlined, it was stated, folowing the meeting, this matter being left to counsel for the organization, when retained.

Russ General in Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 3.—With an English-Russian dictionary in his hand, Gen. Alexander Ivanoff, who in 1917, commanded the armies of the czar in Russia on the eve of the revolution, was here today as a steerage passenger on the Iyo Maru. He announced, by the aid of the dictionary, his intention of staying in Seattle, learning English and doing something to make a living.

The Weather

Forecast.

Thursday: Fair and warmer.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	15	1 p. m.	24
6 a. m.	16	2 p. m.	25
7 a. m.	16	3 p. m.	26
8 a. m.	16	4 p. m.	27
9 a. m.	16	5 p. m.	29
10 a. m.	16	6 p. m.	30
11 a. m.	18	7 p. m.	28
12 noon	23	8 p. m.	27

Pension Bill Vetoed by President

Declares Bursum Measure Favors Civil War Veterans' Dependents Over Those of World War.

Author Will Fight Act

Washington, Jan. 3.—Senator Bursum said late today that he expected to make a motion in the senate, possibly tomorrow, to pass the bill over the president's veto.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The Bursum bill providing for an increase in the pensions of civil and Mexican war veterans was vetoed today by President Harding.

In his veto message the president declared the increase in governmental expenditures involved would amount to "heedlessness" and objected also to the bill's "loose provision for pensioning widows."

In a brief message returned to the senate, where the bill originated, the president said:

"I am returning herewith senate 3275, 'an act granting pensions to certain soldiers, sailors and marines of the civil war, etc.,' without my approval.

"No New Generosity."

"If the act were limited to its provisions in behalf of the surviving participants in the Mexican and civil wars, and widows of the war of 1812, it would still be without ample justification. The commissioner of pensions estimates its additional cost to the treasury to be about $108,000,000 annually, and I venture the prediction that with such a precedent established the ultimate pension outlay in the half century before us will exceed $50,000,000,000. The act makes no pretense of new considerations for the needy or dependent, no new generosity for the veteran wards of the nation; it is an outright bestowal upon the government's pension rolls, with a heedlessness for the government's financial problems which is a discouragement to every effort to reduce expenditures and thereby relieve the federal burdens of taxations.

"Loose Provisions."

"The more particular objection to this act, however, lies in its loose provisions for pensioning widows. The existing law makes the widow of a civil war veteran eligible to a pension if she married him prior to June 27, 1905. In other words, marriage whithin 40 years of the end of the civil war gives a veteran's widow a good title to a pension. The act returned herewith extends the marriage period specifically to June 27, 1915 and provides that after that date any marriage or cohabitation for two years prior to a veteran's death shall make the widow the beneficiary of a pension at $50 per month for the remainder of her life.

"In view of the fact that this same bill makes provision for pensions for widows of the veterans of the war of 1812, the possible burden of this sweeping provision seems worthy of serious consideration. Frankly I do not recognize any public obligation to pension women who now, nearly 60 years after the civil war, become the wives of veterans of that war.

Generous Treatment Due.

"The government has so many defenders to whom generous treatment is due that congress will find it necessary to consider all phases of our obligations when making provisions for any one group.

"The compensation paid to the widows of world war veterans, those who shared the shock and sorrows of the conflict, amounts to $24 per month. It would be indefensible to insist on that limitation upon actual war widows, if we are to pay $600 per year to widows who married veterans 60 years after the civil war.

"WARREN G. HARDING."

Error in Identification Saves Life of Irish Minister

Dublin, Jan. 3.—(By A. P.)—Joseph McGrath, the minister of industry, commerce and labor, is believed to owe his life to a strange error in identification made last night when two youths gained an entrance to the ministry on the pretext of having a message from a prominent labor leader.

Upon entering the room they pointed revolvers at a man resembling the minister, who was there for a conference with him, the invaders sharply ejaculating, "You're McGrath." A second glance showed the youths were mistaken in the identity in the man they were covering and quickly pocketing their weapons they turned and fled, managing to escape pursuit.

Ladd Introduces Measure to Stabilize Farm Prices

Washington, Jan. 3.—Government stabilization of prices for farm products is the object of a bill introduced by Senator Ladd, republican, North Dakota, and refered to the senate agriculture committee which also has pending another bill by Senator Ladd for government price fixing of certain agricultural products.

Senator Ladd's new bill would create an American stabilization corporation with $100,000,000 capital, all subscribed by the government, to buy from producers and sell to consumers, cereals, sugar, cotton and wool. The corporation would operate warehouses and have power to prohibit exports of farm products when domestic needs required them.

Lenine Reported Ill.

London, Jan. 3.—Premier Lenine of soviet Russia is reported in advices received in Riga to be very ill again, says a Reuters dispatch from Riga today.

Physicians have been summoned from western Europe to attend the premier, "but his entourage has abandoned hope of his recovery," the dispatch quotes the advices as declaring.