

France Is Criticised In Senate

Invasion of Ruhr Bobs Up in Debate—Owen Says Action Without Moral Justification.

Reed Urges Neutrality

Washington, Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—The storm centering about the situation in Europe and America's relations to it, which is expected to break in the senate early next week, was foreshadowed by an hour of debate in which the French invasion of Germany was both criticised and defended.

Leaders in the movement to bring about the renewal of the discussion of European affairs and the attitude of the American government allowed today's discussion to go by without their participation. Senator McCormick, republican, Illinois, proposed to address the senate on the European situation as seen by him during his recent European trip, but deferred delivery of his speech until next week. Likewise, Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, withheld introduction of his resolution for the president to call an economic conference, which measure when presented is expected to be used as the vehicle of debate.

Three-Sided Debate

Three senators, Owen, democrat, Oklahoma; Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, and Oddie, republican, Nevada, none of whom have participated actively heretofore in discussions of the European situation, engaged in today's debate.

Senator Owen read a prepared address in which he said that legal right of France and Belgium to go into the Ruhr to compel payment of Germany's defaulted reparations might be considered a controversy, which would be a most vexatious point of the invasion of Germany was without justification.

The American people could not morally approve the French policy, Senator Owen said, because they saw in it "the sowing of dragon's teeth and the dividing of the world again into two contending camps, where the ultimate attitude may be another appeal to organized military force."

Urges Neutral Stand.

The American people, the Oklahoma senator said, would look with favor on any move by France and Belgium toward inviting friendly nations to mediate the reparations controversy. Senator Reed's speech was in the nature of a reply to Senator Owen. He said that he was in favor of an attack on the French policy on moral grounds. He said the reparations matter had been discussed in the senate from both a pro-French and pro-German viewpoint, but that he preferred that the United States maintain a neutral stand.

Senator Reed, who served with the American expeditionary forces, added with a show of earnestness, where he was not speaking his own views alone, but as "the men who died in France would speak."

Senator Oddie, speaking briefly, approved the French course, and after Senator Owen had replied to Senator Reed, the discussion was ended until next week.

Day's Activities in Washington

The federal coal commission announced that it planned to study wages and working conditions in the industry, as the recent wage agreement is held to eliminate any chance of a coal strike this year.

The shipping board was asked for details of all transactions involving sales of ships since March 4, 1921, in a resolution of Senator Pomerene, democrat, Ohio, which was adopted.

The French invasion of the Ruhr stirred debate in the senate with Senators Owen, democrat, Oklahoma; Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, and Oddie, republican, Nevada, participating in the discussion.

A minimum peace strength of 250,000 for the National guard was recommended by a committee of National guard and general staff officers, in a report which covered many other phases of guard organization.

The federal trade commission, in a complaint, challenged the Bethlehem, Lackawanna and Midvale Steel merger on the ground that it would serve unreasonably to restrict competition. At the same time it dismissed an earlier complaint against the Bethlehem-Lackawanna merger.

It was revealed that the American debt funding commission, in its recent negotiations with the British debt mission, suggested a rate of 3 per cent for the first 10 years and 3 1/2 per cent thereafter, with provisions for extinguishing the entire debt owed the United States in 62 years. The scheme involved transactions averaging a rate over the 62-year period of approximately 4 per cent.

Automobile Driver Held for Death in Collision

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Elmer C. Rains was bound over to district court on a manslaughter charge. He is charged with being responsible for the death of Herman Tappert, messenger, who fell from his motorcycle and suffered a fractured skull after a collision with Rains' automobile.

Price Heads Editors.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—P. H. Price of Newman Grove was elected president of the Northeast Nebraska Editorial association, which closed its regular winter meeting here.

Chaplin and Pola Negri Will Marry on Sunday



Pola Negri.



Charles Chaplin.

Delmonte, Cal., Jan. 27.—A veritable army of reporters and camera men are gathered at Delmonte today in anticipation of the reported wedding tomorrow of Pola Negri, the actress, and Charles Chaplin, the motion picture star. Miss Negri has been staying at the Delmonte lodge for the past two weeks and it is learned from a confidential source that she is making arrangements for the wedding. She refuses to be interviewed on the subject. Chaplin is expected here tonight.

Judge Eroneously Reported to Be Dead

Lincoln, Jan. 27.—It was recently erroneously reported in several newspapers that Judge Jacob Fawcett, formerly a justice of the Nebraska supreme court and for many years widely known in legal circles throughout this state, had died at his home in Lincoln.

The report that Judge Fawcett was dead grew out of the fact that he not long ago underwent a serious surgical operation at Mayo Brothers' hospital at Rochester, Minn., and the death two weeks ago of his wife at their home in Lincoln. Judge Fawcett has entirely recovered from the operation he underwent at Rochester, is now in excellent health, and is in the active practice of his profession at Lincoln.

State Will Save \$1,000 on Oil in Power Plants

Lincoln, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The board of control will realize a saving of about \$1,000 on the purchase of lubricating oils for use in power plants at 15 of the state's 17 institutions. Several of the annual contracts were made this week and the oil will be purchased at a price about 10 cents lower than in 1922. Last year 7,909 gallons were used.

Make a Start Now

Decide that you will have a home of your own, even though it be but a modest one to begin with. There are hundreds of families in Omaha today living in \$20,000 homes made possible by owning first a "little place" and then selling at a profit, but the "little place" was THEIR own—it didn't belong to someone else. Today's Sunday Omaha Bee contains a list of homes to fit the purse of the man who has from \$300 to \$1,000 to pay down. Look for these homes in the "Want" Ad section of today's Omaha Bee—and every day—until you find what you want.

Guard Plan Approved Weeks

Minimum Peace Strength of 250,000 Men Recommended by Committee of General Staff.

Balanced Force Planned

Washington, Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—A minimum peace strength of 250,000 men for the National guard was recommended today in a report of a committee of National guard and general staff officers, who have been studying the problem for more than a year and was approved by Secretary Weeks.

The plan outlined by the committee was based on an efficient organization of 18 infantry and four cavalry divisions, and would mean a reduction from the present authorized paper strength of the National guard, which is 435,000 men. In addition to the infantry and cavalry divisions, the guard, under the plan submitted, would consist of 130 companies of harbor defense troops, 12 infantry regiments to be allotted, and other units necessary to a well balanced force, such as tanks, anti-air forces and artillery units.

The committee recommended that the strength of the guard be apportioned among the states in proportion to the number of members of the house of representatives, and that provision should be made to maintain all organizations heretofore recognized, and for the completion of organizations in process of formation.

Plans Approved.

War department plans for organization of the guard under the military bureau were approved by the committee as "sound in principle" and "proceeding satisfactorily, subject to the limitations imposed" by the funds appropriated. Execution of the program, including adjustments with the various states, would be the duty of the military bureau, under the recommendations of the committee, which reported that amendment of the basic law to accomplish the purposes desired would not be necessary.

Behind Billboard.

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Striking Shopman-Pastor Named Probation Officer

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Rev. E. C. Powell, pastor of the Baptist church at Wynmore, has been appointed probation officer by County Judge Messmore. Mr. Powell was employed in the Burlington shops until last July, when he walked out with the other union shopmen.

Fred M. Woolworth Dies.

London, Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—Fred M. Woolworth, prominent American business man, who has been seriously ill in London for some time, died at the Ritz hotel today. Mr. Woolworth, who was the London director of the Chain Store organization subsidiary to the Woolworth store organization in the United States, was taken ill last October.

Victims of Alleged Attack



Marie Prenosl (left) and Cecile Potter.

Woman Slugged, Robbed and Left Behind Billboard

Former Fremont (Neb.) Belle Lies Unconscious in Snow for Half an Hour After Attack.

Shivering, bloody and almost friendless, Helen Furguson, 22, a former Fremont (Neb.) belle, told police today yesterday a story of having been slugged and robbed and left lying in the snow half an hour behind a billboard at Twentieth and Leavenworth streets.

The young woman's face was scratched and on the back of her head was a swelling that could have resulted from a blow with some blunt instrument. "I was walking by the billboard intentionally because it is well lighted," Mrs. Furguson said, "when two white men leaped out and one of them clutched me by the front of my coat. I felt the buttons tearing off, then something hit my head and I lost consciousness."

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"Please Don't Call Police."

Please don't call police," Mrs. Furguson pleaded. Kitzmiller and Victor Heath, army field agent, rushed to the spot where the girl said she had been attacked but could find no evidence to support her story.

Man Arrested in Frisco

Wanted for Bank Robbery San Francisco, Jan. 27.—A man giving the name of Furlay Hoagland was arrested here by Department of Justice operatives on suspicion of being one of the bandits who robbed a bank and killed two officers at Scotts, Mich., April 21, 1921. He is said to have admitted participation in the robbery.

One Killed, 3 Arrested in Raid on Liquor Lair

St. Louis City, Jan. 27.—One man was shot and killed and three others arrested last night in a raid by deputy sheriffs, a federal agent and one police officer on a moonshiners' lair on a farm near Sargeants Bluffs, Ia., six miles southeast of Sioux City. Alex Yokubaitas of Sioux City is the slain man. He was killed in an exchange of shots with Federal Agent William Striker and Deputy Sheriff C. E. Wilcox. The men arrested gave the names of Charles Norbet, James Murphy and H. Foster. They were brought to the county jail in Sioux City.

Turks and Greeks to Return War Prisoners

Lausanne, Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—Two separate conventions between Turkey and Greece will be signed next Monday. It is announced in respect of the fate of the general peace conference. One provides for the mutual return of prisoners of war, and hostages and the other for the compulsory exchange of minority populations. The conventions are to become effective immediately.

British War Debt Up to Congress

English Official Declares Proposed Terms Favored in East, But Fought by Farmers of West.

Interest Rate Is Fixed

Washington, Jan. 27.—Final extinguishment of Great Britain's debt to the United States in 62 years, with an interest rate of 3 per cent for the first 10 years and 3 1/2 per cent thereafter, is the basis of settlement suggested to the British delegation by the American debt funding commission in the recent funding negotiations here, it was disclosed officially today.

Jury Exonerates Son From Blame in Father's Death

Brings in Verdict of Justifiable Homicide in Case of George Schimick — Boy Is Released.

"We the jury find that George Schimick came to his death as the result of a hemorrhage of the brain as the result of a blow delivered by Orson L. Schimick while protecting his mother and that the homicide was justifiable" was the verdict rendered yesterday by a coroner's jury at Larikin's undertaking parlors, called to inquire into the death of George Schimick, 50, who died Friday morning at the family home, 5710 South Eighth street.

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Keeline Charged by Girl's Father With Assault

Charges of assault, operating a motor car while intoxicated and drunkenness were filed Saturday against Arthur Keeline, Omaha capitalist, who Friday night was captured by a posse of citizens after he is said to have made improper advances to young girls.

Son of Council Bluffs Banker Released on \$2,500 Bond After Hearing in Police Court

The man, son of George Keeline, vice president of the Council Bluffs Savings bank, was released on \$2,500 bond furnished by George Redick after he spent an hour in jail. The hearing was continued to 9 Wednesday morning. The warrant charging assault was sworn to by Frank A. Potter, 2118 South Forty-sixth avenue, father of Cecile Potter, 16, one of the two girls who Keeline is said to have pursued.

Harding Grants Respite to Convicted Bootlegger

Lincoln, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—A. A. Marks, recently sentenced on a federal indictment charge, has been granted a respite of 30 days from January 15 to February 15. The respite says that the month of grace is allowed in order that an application for pardon can be considered. Marks was sentenced to serve five months in the Dodge county jail.

Opposes Bovine Bill.

Lincoln, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Governor Bryan today made public a letter from John Broderick of Plattfield opposing the \$75,000 appropriation for bovine tuberculosis work.

WHERE TO FIND THE BIG FEATURES OF THE SUNDAY BEE

Table listing features of the Sunday Bee such as Editorial Comment, Sporting News and Features, A Few Thoughts on Radio Speaking, The Married Life of Helen and Warren, Of Especial Interest to Motorists, Omaha Bee Information Bureau, State's Money Out Almost Before It Was In, Market and Financial News, Alert Young Men of Italy, Former Omaha Pastor Who is Touring Europe, Society and News Pages, Shopping with Polly, Amusements, Music News, Magazine Section, To Save Her Soul, The Room on the Roof, Happyland, The Teenie Weenies, Letters From the Little Folks, Fashion Fanny and Her Friends, Button, Button, by Julia Frances Wood, Rotogravure Section, Harvesting Omaha's Ice Crop.

Organizes Ladies' Branch of the K. K. K.



R. H. Davis is supreme secretary of the Ladies of the Invisible Empire. With his wife he is organizing the new order and declares he expects to initiate 1,000 members in Shreveport, La., next month. They claim to have branches in 33 states. Their purpose is similar to that of the Ku Klux Klan, although they are said to have no official connection with that organization.

Recruits Rejected.

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Weygand Back in Paris.

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Omaha Held to Grand Jury on Short-Change Charge

Charged with short-changing Miss Helen Skelton, postmistress at Waterloo, Neb., last Wednesday, Richard Shafer, Twenty-third and Douglas streets, formerly a "bellhop," was bound over to the grand jury by United States Commissioner Boehler. A Waterloo business man testified Shafer also tried to work the short change game in his store the same day. Miss Skelton said she lost \$5 by the alleged trick.

Bank Clearings Continue Larger Than for Last Year

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Grand Island Youth Injured "Hooding Ride" With Sled

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Overdraft Is Reduced.

Lincoln, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Receipt of \$150,000 of newly collected taxes from Douglas county alone has helped cut down the overdraft in the general fund to \$588,000. Large remittances have come in during January.

German's Open Fire On French

Sporadic Disorders Reported in Ruhr Valley—Cavalry Breaks Up Attempted Demonstrations.

Situation Is Strained

Dusseldorf, Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—Sporadic disorders occurred this evening in the Ruhr valley. French sentries in Duisburg and Ratingen were fired upon. French cavalry broke up an attempted demonstration by a few hundred young men in Dusseldorf. None of the incidents resulted in casualties.

Situation Strained.

The French authorities, taking cognizance of these signs of disorder, informed Dr. Gruetzner, president of Rhenish Prussia, that he would be held responsible for such manifestations. Dr. Gruetzner replied that he had issued orders for the Germans to refrain from using insulting language to the French troops, but that he was in favor of manifestations, as such, provided they were limited to street parades and the singing of patriotic hymns.

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The Weather

Forecast. Sunday fair; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. ... 25 | 1 p. m. ... 36 | 9 a. m. ... 35 | 3 p. m. ... 38 | 7 a. m. ... 32 | 5 p. m. ... 34 | 11 a. m. ... 30 | 7 p. m. ... 32 | 1 p. m. ... 28 | 9 p. m. ... 30 | 23 (noon) ... 25