

SENATE ASKS FOR ROOT'S LETTERS

Wants Diplomatic Correspondence Between Former Secretary and Korea.

NEEDS IT FOR CAMPAIGN USE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The senate today adopted a resolution by Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee, asking President Wilson to submit the correspondence between the United States and Korea when Japan occupied the Hermit kingdom during the Russo-Japanese war.

Administration leaders, it was said, want to use the information in reply to Elihu Root's attack on the president because no protest was made against the occupation of Belgium. Mr. Root was secretary of state when Japan took Korea.

Senator Stone's resolution calls upon the president to "transmit, if not incompatible with the public interest, correspondence or so much thereof as in his opinion may be made public, between official representatives of the United States government and the representatives of Korea relating to the occupation of Korea and establishment of a protectorate over said country by Japan during or as an incident of the Russo-Japanese war in 1904-1905."

What Treaty Said. Administration officials said today they proposed to show by the correspondence that the United States was bound by treaty to aid Korea, whereas the treaty with Belgium provides only that the United States should respect the neutrality of Belgium.

The treaty of 1882 between the United States and Korea contains the following article:

"If other powers deal unjustly or oppressively with either government or the other will exert their good offices on being informed of the case to bring about an amicable arrangement, thus showing their friendly feeling."

They declare that both Colonel Roosevelt, as president and Mr. Root as secretary of state ignored an appeal from Korea.

Some in the Files. The foreign relations committee discovered today that some of the correspondence bearing on the matter was in its files.

A letter from Secretary Root to Yungso, Tchen, special envoy of Korea, without credentials, dated December 13, 1906, said: "Since your visit we have received the following communication from Mr. Kim, the regularly accredited chargé d'affaires of Korea in Washington:

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 24th ultimo, informing me that by agreement signed on November 17 by the plenipotentiaries of Japan and Korea by which Japan becomes the medium for conducting the foreign relations of Korea you had, under date of the 24th ultimo telegraphed the American minister to withdraw from Korea."

"I have further to inform you that I have this day received instructions from Mr. Yi Wan Yung, the acting minister of foreign affairs of Korea, to transfer to the Japanese legation the archives and other property in my charge."

Are Quite Inconsistent. "In view of this official communication it is difficult to see how the government of the United States can proceed in any manner upon the entirely different view of the facts which you tell us personally you had been led to take by the information which you have received. It is to be observed, moreover, that the official communications from the Japanese government together with the official communication from the Korean government are quite inconsistent with your information."

"If, however, the difficulty of complying with your wishes were surmounted, we should be met by the fact that on February 22, 1904, and on August 22, 1904, the Korean government concluded with the Japanese government treaties which are not now in any respect impeached or questioned by which Korea gave to Japan such extensive control over its affairs and put itself so completely under the protection of the government of Japan as to render completely impossible the application of the provisions of the treaty with the United States above quoted."

A Complete Bar. "The above-mentioned treaties between Japan and Korea appear to be of such a character as practically to give Japan control over the foreign relations of Korea, and to make the latest treaty of November 17, 1906, which is now called into question, but a slight advance upon the relations of control previously existing. Those previous relations of control amount to a complete bar to any interference by the United States under the treaty of 1882."

"Under all these circumstances I feel bound to advise you that the government of the United States does not consider that any good purpose would be subserved by taking notice of your statements."

MAN DANGEROUSLY HURT IN FIGHT OVER CARD GAME

AMES, Ia., Feb. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—As a result of a fight over a dollar, said to have arisen over a poker or crap game among laborers of the new Sheldon-Munn hotel, William Johnson of Tipton, Mo., was fatally injured. Johnson was hit on the head with a heavy timber as he went by his room where he was hiding, it is said.

Johnson died three men's lives will have been taken in construction of the \$24,000 tavern.

Oakland Club Elects.

OAKLAND, Neb., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—The Oakland Commercial club at its annual meeting elected the following officers: F. Palmer, president; A. C. Holmquist, vice president; C. O. Stauffer, secretary and treasurer.

Colonist Fares Home.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Colonist passenger from points in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and nearby states to Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and other points on the Pacific coast and in western Canada, were authorized today by the Interstate Commerce commission.

WAR COMMITTEE VOTES A PROBE OF AVIATION SERVICE

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embraced the death of one soldier and one civilian. Thus, approximately 66 per cent as many officers have been killed as there are now officer pilots on aviation duty.

"Of the above mentioned fifteen officers who have been killed, eight of them have died in flights at the North Island station, near San Diego, as follows: Lieutenant Rex Chandler, April 6, 1913; Lieutenant J. D. Park, May 9, 1913; Lieutenant Moss Love, September 4, 1913; Lieutenant H. M. Kelly and Lieutenant E. L. Billington, November 24, 1913; Lieutenant J. Gerstner, December 21, 1914, and Lieutenant Walter R. Talliaferro, October 11, 1915.

Two Drowned. Kelly and Ellington were drowned. Their aeroplanes became unmanageable a height of 500 feet and fell into San Diego bay. Gerstner was drowned when he attempted to swim ashore when the aeroplane in which he was riding capsized during a violent wind storm. It is claimed that Talliaferro became unconscious while in mid-air.

Following the death of Lieutenant Frost four of the machines were burned. It is believed that an investigation will disclose that other injuries were due to the use of unsafe machines and that in some cases where warnings had been given that the machines were unsafe, officers who were required to fly in them were in some instances injured and others killed.

Station Defective. "It is a well-known fact that a short time before Lincoln Beachy was killed by a defective aeroplane which he was flying, it was reported that an investigation will disclose that other injuries were due to the use of unsafe machines and that in some cases where warnings had been given that the machines were unsafe, officers who were required to fly in them were in some instances injured and others killed."

"The first company, Second Aero Squadron, now in the Philippines, prior to February 1, 1916, had no aeroplanes. I am informed that four have been ordered and that two have been, or will soon be, shipped. The first company, Second Aero Squadron, in the Philippines consists of six officer pilots. There are no other field organizations. There are two qualified officer pilots, instructing students at the aviation schools, and two are studying aerodynamics in Boston.

The dangers connected with aviation at this stage of its development, when accompanied by every safeguard which mechanical skill and scientific knowledge and use precaution can secure, are so great that only the ambitious and daring are prompted to undertake it. I will not use words to characterize a system such as that prevailed in our service, where incompetency and indifference in aviation through an unskillful, unscientific, negligent and corrupt control."

Other Arrests in Lincoln Spy Case Seem Probable

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Agents of the Department of Justice here are investigating the circumstances attending the escape of Ignatius Lincoln, the so-called international spy, who was recaptured Saturday after enjoying nearly a month's freedom. It is hinted that more arrests may result if it is found that Lincoln was willfully aided to make his escape or given shelter by persons who had been in contact with him in the past. He is in a Brooklyn jail today awaiting a decision by the United States circuit court of appeals on the question whether he shall be extradited to England to answer to the charge of forgery upon which he was arrested. Lincoln continued his flight to sea a fugitive from England he will be executed as a spy. It is learned that Lincoln spent a portion of his month's liberty on a farm in Red Bank, N. J., as a boarder seeking health in the country. He became involved in a quarrel with the farmer and left in a hurry for this city. The farmer's efforts to recover damages to his automobile for which he held Lincoln responsible, disclosed the fugitive's identity, giving a clue as to his whereabouts, which was followed up by the agents of the Department of Justice and resulted in his arrest.

Exports to Sweden Must Be Consigned to the Government

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Nilsen & Lundbeck, local representatives of the Swedish-American line, today received cable instructions from the home office directing that all goods consigned to the line from the United States to Sweden must be consigned to the Swedish government or the Swedish food commission. The order also prohibits receiving any cargo to an individual or firm in Sweden unless it is accompanied by a permit issued by the British war board of trade. Merchandise consigned to Russia or Finland, Mr. Lundbeck added, may be received, however, without the British permit provided it is plainly marked. According to Mr. Lundbeck the order indicates that an understanding possibly has been reached between Sweden and England with respect to blockade and contraband regulations.

Federal Tax on Mine Companies Declared Valid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The supreme court today upheld the corporation tax imposed upon mining companies.

Credited Again Boosted.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 21.—The South Penn Oil company today announced another advance as follows: Pennsylvania crude, 5 cents a barrel to \$2.40; 7 cents to \$2.55; Corning, Mercer Black and New Castle, 5 cents to \$2.80; Somerset, 6 cents to \$3.00.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on each box. 2c.—Advertisement.

ASQUITH ASKS FOR BIG WAR CREDITS

Premier Moves Votes Aggregating Four Hundred and Twenty Million Pounds.

LORDS DEBATE BLOCKADE ISSUE

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Premier Asquith introduced two votes of credit in the House of Commons today. The premier's speech was confined entirely to the financial aspect of the present situation, no reference being made to military affairs in general.

The first vote of credit was on the supplementary estimate for the current fiscal year, bringing up the total war expenditures for the year to £2,300,000,000. This appropriation is for £100,000,000. The second vote, to provide funds for the first part of the financial year, beginning April 1, amounts to £300,000,000.

Mr. Asquith told the house that the daily expenditure from April 1 to July 1 of last year was £1,800,000, from July 1 to September 11, £2,500,000, from September 12 to November 8, £4,400,000, from November 9 to February 9, 1916, being £4,300,000 and £4,900,000.

Loans to Great Britain's allies and to the dominions on November last amounted to £5,800,000. Between November 7 and February 13, the amount loaned was £70,000,000, making a total of £75,800,000.

It has previously been stated in London dispatches that the £300,000,000 vote of credit above alluded to is expected to finance the war for only two months, that is until the end of May. Including the £100,000,000 vote of credit for the period from March 1 to February 13, the amount will have been supplied by votes of credit for the twelve months of the financial year, which ends on that date. With the amount voted in 1914, the votes of credit since the war began, will thus reach £2,000,000,000. These figures, it may be remarked, do not represent the total cost of the war, as large sums furnished from revenue are also used to defray the expense.

Gould Interests Win Point in Fray with the Equitable Trust

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The Equitable Trust company of New York, was enjoined permanently today from further proceedings in its suit in New York, suing for a construction of the contract by which the Denver & Rio Grande railroad guaranteed the interest in the Western Pacific railway's \$40,000,000 first mortgage bonds and a deficiency in its sinking fund for the retirement of the bonds.

The Denver & Rio Grande and the Missouri Pacific were given thirty days in which to interplead, setting up their rights.

The restraining order enjoined the Equitable Trust company from "bringing any other action involving contract B, (the Denver & Rio Grande guaranty) except in this court," without first securing the court's sanction.

The injunction was issued by Judge William S. Van Fleet in the United States district court, who issued a temporary restraining order June 11, 1915. He also ordered that the Denver & Rio Grande railroad and the Missouri Pacific railway be made parties to the receiver's suit proceeding under which the Western Pacific now is being operated.

Suspected Opium Smuggler is Shot by Police Officer

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 21.—Ward Malott, suspected opium smuggler, was shot and seriously wounded by Police Chief C. W. Shores early this morning when he attempted to evade arrest. At the request of the federal authorities, Shores and a city detective went to Malott's room in a hotel to assist in the arrest. The officers waited in the room and when Malott entered Shores placed him under arrest. Malott stepped backward and appeared to be in the act of reaching for a pistol, when Shores fired and brought him down with a charge of small shot. Malott is expected to live. Twenty-three cans of opium were found in the room and confiscated.

Department Orders.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—John E. Snyder, citizen, Nebraska, has been granted a pension at \$12 per month, on the recommendation of the Democratic Committee on Pensions.

Dr. T. M. Redmond has been appointed pension surgeon at Anamosa, Ia., and on the recommendation of Congressmen Granby, Dr. J. A. Lusk, of Fremont, Wheeler county, Nebraska, has been discontinued, mail to Croton.

Oh Thousands for Relief.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Announcement was made here tonight of a contribution of \$5,000 from the Rockefeller foundation to the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief. This makes a total of \$5,000 donated to the committee by the foundation.

Auto Show Headquarters--- Throughout the week of the Automobile Show the elect from everywhere gather as always at the best place in town. If it's an owner you wish to see, you'll find him here. If it's a dealer, he's here, too. If it's the man who is interested in all good things in life, his city, his business, his home, his future, for he's enjoying life better because of this hotel, which has become the common ground for the interchange of ideas, the realization of the realization of the intent. A policy of conduct has aimed to make this a hotel for women no less than for men. And that's why it succeeds. That's why the tone and character is made and kept so attractive. Special effort will be made during the week to come to meet the increase in patronage that the occasion deserves.

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The Day's War News

FURTHER PROGRESS for the Russians in their campaign in Armenia is unofficially claimed, a dispatch from Petrograd reporting them in possession of the entire Lake Van district, with the Turks retreating southward and even awaiting the important city of Bitlis.

BITLIS, A CITY of more than 25,000 population, is on the direct line of a force pushing from Lake Van toward Diarbekr, about 100 miles away, fifty miles beyond which city runs the Bagdad railway.

BERLIN DECLARES today that a British hand grenade attack on the position on the Yser canal, in Belgium, recently taken by the Germans, was repulsed, as was also an attack along the Lens-Arras road. The official statement likewise records a backward push for the British south of Loos, where they had advanced to the edge of a German mine crater.

AERIAL RAIDS along the Franco-Belgian front are reported by both sides.

PETROGRAD DISPATCHES indicate that definite results are earliest expected from the movement to the north, where another Russian force is working along the Black Sea coast in the direction of Trebizond.

PREMIER ASQUITH presents to the British Parliament today motions for two new votes of credit aggregating 420,000,000 pounds, calculated to finance the war to the end of the current fiscal year, March 31, for which purposes 120,000,000 pounds is needed, and with the remainder to begin the new fiscal year with ample funds.

THE RUSSIAN DUMA, which was prorogued on September 15 last, has been summoned to meet again tomorrow.

BERLIN REPORTS a raid by German naval aeroplanes, which dropped numbers of bombs on the British aviation camp at Furnes, near the North Sea.

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Hundreds Taken from Flooded Area by Boats and Scows

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 21.—With four steamers and numerous flatboats engaged in rescue work, reports from the district flooded by the Mississippi levee break at Buck Ridge were more optimistic.

Two steamers, loaded with refugees, had reached Natchez today from the neighborhood of Newellton.

Reports from Newellton say a number of parties with supplies have gone into the back country in shallow draft scows to search for persons who it had been impossible to reach.

Water from the constantly widening crevasse at Buck Ridge was reported rapidly covering Tenness, Concordia, Franklin and Catahoula parishes. The Mississippi river is mingling with the Red river a short distance below Vidalia and Ferriday, it was announced, and the belief was that by the end of this week the pressure on the Red river would force it much higher. With the exception of the Buck Ridge crevasse the Mississippi river levee continued to stand the strain today.

Along the Atchafalaya river before Melville, the crevasse today was reported to have widened considerably. No effort to check the flow will be attempted, as the additional damage will not be great. The only serious losses in this district were reported by tie and timber contractors. Melville and Krots Springs were believed to be safe from serious floods.

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