

STONE DENOUNCES LAWSON CHARGES

Senator Says Confidential Communication Had Fallen Into Unscrupulous Hands.

SAYS WILL NOT SHRINK

Washington, Jan. 2.—Charges of a "leak" of advance information on President Wilson's peace note involving other charges that somebody made profits on it in the stock market, gained further official attention today when Senator Stone, democrat, spoke on the subject in the senate and Thomas W. Lawson of Boston conferred with Chairman Henry of the house rules committee about a proposed congressional investigation.

Senator Stone said that confidential communications concerning the honor of the nation had fallen into improper hands, but said he had no information as to whether a leak occurred recently reported. If so, he believed it traceable to departmental employees.

"If it be true that any public official has or did use any secret or confidential information as alleged," said Senator Stone, "he is an unrepentable scoundrel. If any man in legislative life—if any senator—did it, which I believe to be absolutely impossible, he ought to be dismissed."

"I do know," Senator Stone continued, "that things have occurred in the departments which ought not to be possible. I know that confidential communications with foreign governments to the State department have by some means found their way into hands of men not authorized to receive them. These did not concern stock market speculation, but did concern the honor of the nation. How this has happened I do not know, but it could have happened only through the instrumentality of employees. I fear that this betrayal of public confidence is in some way traceable to our civil service."

Senator Stone then denounced Thomas W. Lawson for his recent declaration that members of congress would shrink from an investigation into stock market leaks.

"I despise these sensational fakirs, who are always talking about public bodies and public men," said he, "I am sorry that the newspapers should take up the bellowing of this ass."

After conferring with Mr. Lawson for two hours Chairman Henry of the house rules committee issued this statement:

"Mr. Lawson charged that there was a leak from the State department to Wall street some days ago and that through such an alleged leak certain individuals by speculating in Wall street cleaned up \$60,000,000 or more."

"I have asked him for the name of the individual giving information constituting the leak and the names of the speculators profiting by such alleged leak. He has not furnished the names in either case. And so there is at this time nothing yet furnished me even approaching information that would warrant me in calling together the committee on rules."

Upon leaving Mr. Henry's office Mr. Lawson declared that he had given enough information to warrant "any intelligent man in proceeding with an investigation of the entire stock exchange situation."

Representative Campbell of Kansas, ranking republican of the committee, notified Chairman Henry that republican committeemen would insist on an investigation.

RE-ELECTED HEAD OMAHA BUILDERS' EXCHANGE.



V. RAY GOULD.

V. Ray Gould yesterday was re-elected president of the Omaha Builders' exchange. George Kiene ran against him.

Farley S. Hamilton was elected vice president and O. F. Nelson, treasurer.

The six directors elected were: C. J. Johnson, W. C. Bullard, Thomas Herd, Robert Sanderson, J. E. Merriam and H. E. Olson. The directorate will thus be entirely new, with the single exception of C. J. Johnson, who was re-elected. Several of the present directors were candidates for re-election.

Shumway Gives Plum Tree Shake; Copper is Deputy

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Land Commissioner G. L. Shumway announced the following appointments this morning:
Deputy—G. F. Copper, Omaha.
Chief Clerk—June H. Lundmark, Scottsbluff.
Bookkeeper—E. B. Zimmerman, Lincoln.
Recorder—Joseph C. Pinker, West Point.
Stenographer—Genevieve Christiansen, Valentine.

George Emery, present deputy, and Mrs. Loebner, chief clerk, will remain on duty until Mr. Copper and Miss Lundmark can arrange their affairs so they can come to Lincoln. The other appointments are effective at once.

HITCHCOCK PEACE RESOLUTION GOES OVER TILL TODAY

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in the house today by Representative McKellar of Tennessee, and referred without discussion to the foreign affairs committee.

It was stated at the State department that no more neutral countries had replied to the president's note, and that though copies were sent to all the South American republics for their information, none of them had felt it necessary to reply in any way.

Congratulatory and optimistic telegrams from abroad were received today from the Swedish League for the Democracy of Justice, the Central Board of the Social Democratic Women's association of Stockholm, the Congress of Belgian Socialist Workers in Holland, the Swedish section of the International Committee of Women for Permanent Peace, the General Dutch Alliance, the Federation of Christian Teachers of Holland and Colonies, the Swedish Peace Committee, the Liberal Dutch Labor federation, the Dutch Theosophical Association of World Peace, and the Women's Christian Temperance union of Sweden.

GRAND JURY MAY WAR ON HIGH COSTS

If Sleuths of Justice Scent a Malicious Combine Probes Will Follow.

THE TERMS OF COURT

The grand jury, which the judges of the district court at their annual meeting Monday announced had been called to convene on the first day of the February term of court, may make a probe into the H. C. of L. The word passed among the wise ones at the court house that the body will make a thorough investigation of whether any food combines exist in Omaha. It was intimated in the county attorney's office that if public sentiment demands such an investigation the matter will be sifted to the bottom.

Judge Willis G. Sears, presiding; Judge William A. Redick, secretary; Judge Lee S. Estelle, Judge Arthur C. Wakeley, Judge A. C. Troup, Judge Charles Leslie and Judge George A. Day attended the annual meeting of the district court judges.

Terms of Court.
The terms of the court for the ensuing year were fixed as follows:
Douglas County—January 29, May 7 and September 17.
Burt County—April 3 and November 6.
Washington County—March 19 and October 23.

Judge Day was assigned to the Burt county docket and Judge Leslie to the Washington county docket.
Probation Officer Gus Miller and the members of his present force were reappointed.

Louis Grebe was reappointed extra bailiff for court room No. 1.

Douglas county dockets were assigned as follows: Criminal docket, Judge Sears, presiding judge; No. 2 jury docket, Judge Estelle; No. 3 jury docket, Judge Wakeley; No. 4 jury docket, Judge Troup; No. 5 jury docket, Judge Redick; No. 6 equity docket, Judge Leslie; No. 7 equity docket, Judge Day; juvenile court docket, Judge Leslie.

The salary of James E. Bednar, one of the newly appointed deputy county attorneys, who will take charge of the coroner's duties, which fall upon the county attorney's office from now on, was fixed at \$1,300 a year. Three other deputies in County Attorney Magney's office will receive salaries of \$1,300 a year each. The salary of the chief deputy, Ray J. Abbott, is \$1,500 a year.

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SENATOR HOWELL TRIES TO BREAK SLATE OF DEMOS

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trial at this time, and it remains for this senate by its action to determine whether the progressive democracy of Wilson shall find representation in this hall, or whether the bourbon democracy, with all of the things which have been repudiated by a progressive people shall find expression here. I would be recreant to the trust which the people repose in me, and unworthy of their further confidence if I did not at this time lift my voice in protest against the attempted manipulation of the interests in their agreed organization of this senate. They say it is the act of a democratic caucus. This I deny most vehemently. This proposed organization is an organization, for and of the interests, and if permitted to stand, the people need look for little helpful legislation from this body."

The vote resulted in 20 for Mattes and the four insurgents being simply contented to vote no.

It was voted to give Lieutenant Governor Howard a stenographer and an order was issued for the assistant attorney general to vacate the rooms now occupied by him as an office in order that Governor Howard might have the office usually used as a private room.

The senate adjourned to meet at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon.

House in Running Order.
Secretary of States Charles Pool appeared to feel perfectly at home at noon today when he sat down in the same chair which he had occupied as speaker of the house eight years and later called the members to order. The members stood and listened to the prayer delivered by the chaplain-elect, Rev. T. D. Davis and then on

"The democracy of Nebraska is on

motion of Reischick the action of the democratic caucus last night in selecting J. A. Ollis for temporary speaker was affirmed and he took the chair.

The roll call showed all members present but Bates, Dorsey, Osterman and Regan, the last two named being unable to be present because of illness. Chief Justice Morrissey was then escorted to the hall and administered the oath to the members.

The house then proceeded to organize, George Jackson receiving 58 votes for speaker, and Peterson of Lancaster received the support of the thirty-eight republicans present.

Employees Elected.
The other employees named by the caucus of democrats were elected as follows:

Chief Clerk—George W. Poite, without opposition.
First Assistant Clerk—Lee Metcalf of Omaha.
Second Assistant Clerk—Jerry Kelley of Morris.
Sergeant-at-Arms—Jason Evans of Lincoln.
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—J. A. Pierce of Albin.
Chaplain—Rev. T. D. Evans of Millford.
Resolutions of sympathy were passed for Messrs. Regan of Platte and Osterman of Merrick absent because of illness and the house then adjourned until 10:30 tomorrow morning.

Pastors Exchange Pulpits.
Hastings, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Rev. Mr. Long, pastor of the United Brethren church, and Rev. Mr. Litchfield of the same denomination in Beatrice will this week exchange pastorates. Rev. Mr. Long and family will go to the new location next Thursday.

Faris Land Law Opens Millions of Semi-Arid Acres
The Faris land law, the provisions of which are similar to the Kinkaid law that applied in Nebraska, enables settlers to file upon tracts of 640 acres each in Wyoming and other parts of the country, where the government land has been designated as semi-arid.

In Wyoming alone there are 30,000 acres of the semi-arid land. While filings will not be accepted at this time at the government land offices, settlers may designate the lands they desire to file upon, notify the nearest land office of the designation and the filings will be entered of record as soon as word is received from Washington.

Under the Faris law a seven months' residence on the land filed upon is required each year for a period of three years. Final proof may be made at any time after that when affidavits are presented, showing the fact of residence and the further fact that improvements aggregating \$1.25 per acre have been made. The improvements may consist of buildings, fencing, wells, or cultivation. In passing title, the government conveys to the homesteader nothing below the surface, it being specified that it retains title to all minerals, coals and oils that may subsequently be discovered.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.
J. J. O'Connor and wife will leave in a few days for a trip to Havana and the Isle of Pines. They expect to go through the Panama canal.

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<p>Wash Cloths</p> <p>Turkish Wash Cloths, 3c Knit Wash Cloths, 2c Knit Wash Cloths, 1½c Turkish Wash Cloths, 5c</p>	<p>Fine Napkins</p> <p>Bleached. (¾ size.)</p> <p>\$4.75 Napkins, \$3.50 doz. \$6.00 Napkins, \$4.75 doz. \$10.00 Napkins, \$6.89 doz. \$13.75 Napkins, \$10.89 doz. \$17.50 Napkins, \$13.89 doz. \$20.00 Napkins, \$15.00 doz. \$25.00 Napkins, \$20.00 doz.</p>	<p>Madeira Napkins</p> <p>\$10 Hand-Embroidered Madeira Napkins, \$5.89 a dozen. \$13.50 Hand-Embroidered Madeira Napkins, \$8.75 a dozen. \$15 Hand-Embroidered Madeira Napkins, \$8.89 a dozen.</p>
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Our entire stocks, which include no "special" purchases or undesirable styles are now in the January sale.

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A small charge made for alterations.

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