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AUSTRIA READY FOR PEACE

CLARK SAYS LYNCH PROPOSED JUNKET; TOOK RENT FOR GYM

Suggestion by Commisioner Sheriff Go on Jaunt to New Orleans at Lynch's Expense, After Announcement That Joints Would Be Closed; Peters Paid $500 to Train in Court House.

Sheriff Clark, in his suit to oust County Commissioner John C. Lynch from office, testified Wednesday afternoon that Lynch suggested a "junket" trip to various cities at the county's expense, and a trip for Clark and his wife to the Mardi Gras at New Orleans at Lynch's expense, when it became known that Clark intended to close up illicit joints and road houses in Douglas county after his election.

STOOD TO LOSE CASH.

Clark said Lynch approached him about closing up a resort known as "Lakeside Inn."

"I told him I was going to enforce the law without fear or favor," Clark testified. "Johnny said, 'I and Johnny Ford stand to lose $500 a month apiece if you do that.'

"I told him, 'You've lost it, then'," Clark testified.

WOMEN IN "GYM."

Clark said he raided the place several times. On one occasion four men and five women were arrested at the resort, he said. Later the four men filed damage suits for $10,000 each against him.

Gus Tylee, who acted as rubber for the athletes in the gymnasium fitted out by Lynch in the court house basement, said women had frequented the place in company with Lynch. He refused to divulge the women's names in open court, but on request of Lynch's counsel wrote the names on the record.

Money for Farmer Burns.

Farmer Burns, ex-wrestler and now a wrestling instructor, testified that he received $600 from Pete Loch for training Charlie Peters for the Peters-Stechers match, using Lynch's private gymnasium room in the basement of the court house for training purposes.

Burns volunteered a statement that Lynch received $500 for the use of the court house room. On objection of counsel for Lynch, the statement was stricken from the records.

"I saw two women's hats in the gym once," Farmer Burns testified. "Johnny explained one of them was his mother's hat.

"Another time we found a hat pin and a hair pin on the mat. The boys kidded me about it and tried to lay it to me," Burns said.

Burns said he was never in the "gymnasium" after dark.

"As far as I knew it was a nice clean respectable gymnasium," he said. "Johnny invited me up there. I supposed he had a right to as it looked as though he was running the court house at that time."

Kugel at Gym.

John Lynch, Peter Loch, Farmer Burns, Charles Peters, Plestina, Big Joe Rogers, William L. Carey, Al C. Kugel, Graham Burns and Charles Loch were habitues of the gymnasium in the basement of the court house, according to testimony of Gust A. Tylee.

Mr. Tylee identified himself as a masseur and stated that during the time of the matters in controversy he was bookkeeper at the buffet of Peter Loch.

"I was in the employ of Peter Loch for everything he asked me to do and received a stipulated salary and charged extra for rubbing wrestlers in the court house gym," said the witness.

Tylee testified that intoxicants had

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The Weather

For Nebraska—Much colder; snow.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	37
6 a. m.	37
7 a. m.	36
8 a. m.	36
9 a. m.	39
10 a. m.	42
11 a. m.	44
12 m.	46
1 p. m.	47
2 p. m.	50
3 p. m.	50
4 p. m.	51
5 p. m.	50
6 p. m.	49
7 p. m.	48
8 p. m.	46

Comparative Local Record.

	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
Highest yesterday	51	33	14	50
Lowest yesterday	36	24	—4	27
Mean temperature	44	28	5	38
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00	.08

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	23
Excess for the day	21
Total deficiency since March 1	621
Normal precipitation	.03 inch
Deficiency for the day	.03 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	22.77 inches
Deficiency since March 1	7.58 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1916	12.93 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1915	0.69 inch

Reports From Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather.	Temp. 7 p. m.	Highest.	Rainfall.
Cheyenne, cloudy	32	48	T
Denver, rain	36	58	T
Des Moines, cloudy	46	52	.60
Dodge City, part cloudy	58	70	.60
Lander, part cloudy	32	44	T
North Platte, cloudy	44	50	.00
Omaha, cloudy	48	51	.00
Pueblo, part cloudy	54	62	.00
Rapid City, cloudy	42	46	.00
Salt Lake City, pt. cldy.	32	38	.03
Santa Fe, clear	46	52	.00
Sheridan, snow	30	36	.01
Sioux City, cloudy	44	46	.00
Valentine, rain	46	52	T

T indicates trace of precipitation.
— indicates below zero.

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

STOCKMEN WILL TELL TROUBLES BEFORE PROBERS

Western Raisers Will Reveal Why Production Not Greater at Public Hearing of Committee.

Washington Bureau of Omaha Bee, 1311 G Street.

Washington, Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Hearings before the senate committee on agriculture will begin tomorrow on the question growing out of live stock production, with a view of stimulating the production in meat animals.

Stock raisers in Nebraska and Iowa complain bitterly that they are unable to get their fat cattle to market on account of shortage in stock cars, with the result that many of the growers are allowing their herds to diminish. Some of the raisers even go so far as to retire from the stock-raising business entirely.

The first witness before the committee will be A. Sykes of Ida Grove, Ia., president of the Corn Belt Meat Producers' association.

Smith Takes "Exam."

Thomas P. Smith of Omaha, who has been in Washington for several days taking the examination for national bank examiner, left tonight for home by way of New York and Boston.

Frank Healey of Gering, Neb., James Clinton of Torrington, Jess Yoder and Charles Irwin of Cheyenne are in the city, interested in the extension of the Union Pacific up the North Platte river to the Fort Laramie irrigation project, which is under construction and which will be in a position next year to increase the agricultural acreage in the section traversed by the project, whether they expect the government to extend the Union Pacific is not disclosed.

Care For Nebraska Women.

A meeting of Nebraska women will be held in Representative Shallenberger's room tomorrow afternoon to outline plans for taking care of women clerks from Nebraska who are called to the capitol on account of the war.

W. S. Basinger, general passenger agent of the Union Pacific, with headquarters in Omaha, was in Washington yesterday on matters connected with his department and also on matters in which Passenger Traffic Director Fort is interested.

Mr. Fort, who has come to Washington as one of Secretary McAdoo's aides, will shortly be designated assistant director of passenger transportation under Edward Chambers of California, director.

N. Y. Egg Profiteer Is Put Out of Business

New York, Feb. 12.—Announcement that the food license of B. Baff & Son., Inc., of this city, wholesale poultry and egg dealers accused of profiteering, has been revoked for the period of the war by the national food administration in Washington, was made tonight.

This is the most drastic order yet issued against New York food dealers, and based upon the charge that the Baffs sold eggs for 51 cents a dozen when the government's fixed price was 46 cents.

FRENCH BORE WAY TO [redacted] OF GERMAN TRENCH

Barbed Wire Entanglements Destroyed by Shell Fire; Raiding Party Obtained Valuable Information.

(By Associated Press.)

With the French Army in France, Tuesday, Feb. 12.—In the course of three successful trench raids early this morning the French advanced as far as the fourth German line between La Pretre and Mort Mare woods, in the Woevre, and took prisoners belonging to the Ninth Bavarian and the Ninety-fourth Landwehr divisions.

The German entanglements had been destroyed by the French artillery last night and the progress of the assaulting column was favored by a heavy mist.

As soon as the French reached the first positions the Germans opened a sweeping machine gun fire as well as an artillery barrage, but the French penetrated the shell curtain almost without casualties, demolished all the enemy shelters and emplacements and returned to their own lines with most valuable information.

While the French attack was in progress the Germans attempted a raid at Regneville, in the same district, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

Gorgas Wants 60,000 Beds for Hospitals

Washington, Feb. 13.—Sixty thousand beds, in addition to those already established in general government hospitals, must be provided before the winter of 1918-1919 to care for wounded soldiers and sailors.

Surgeon General Gorgas has recommended their establishment to the adjutant general.

Under the surgeon general's plan, each general hospital when completed would have between 1,500 and 2,500 beds.

The government hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., he says, should be enlarged.

Railroad Shopmen Ask Government for Raise in Pay

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—Wage increases approximating 33 1-3 per cent and which Secretary Lane hurriedly estimated would cost the railroads $82,000,000 annually, were asked of the railroad wage commission today by J. A. Franklin, speaking for 251,000 members of shop unions.

He said the increase also should apply to 260,000 nonunion men not included in Secretary Lane's computation.

Army Officers to Get Uniforms at Low Prices

Washington, Feb. 13.—The bill by Senator Jones, republican, of Washington, authorizing the government to furnish army officers with equipment at cost, was passed by the senate today after being amended to include naval officers also.

The bill is the result of alleged profiteering in equipment by private supply houses.

WM. H. HAYS OF INDIANA WINS RACE FOR REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CHAIRMANSHIP

Adams Withdraws From Contest; Fred Upham of Chicago Is Elected Treasurer; Reynolds of Washington, Secretary, and Thayer, Sergeant-at-arms, Succeeding Late William Stone.

WILL H. HAYS.

(By Associated Press.)

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 13.—The republican national committee this afternoon elected Will H. Hays of Indiana chairman.

He was placed in nomination by John T. Adams of Iowa and the nomination was seconded by Committeeman King of Connecticut.

The resignation of all members of the executive committee was accepted.

The committee adopted a resolution that national committeemen should be regarded as head of the party in their respective states and decided that the national committee should meet once a year.

ADAMS WITHDRAWS.

John T. Adams of Iowa this afternoon announced his withdrawal from the contest for chairman of the republican national committee.

Mr. Adams stated that his withdrawal was made unconditionally. The question whether to remain as vice chairman did not figure.

Governor Goodrich of Indiana said that he expected that the national committee would appoint an absolutely new executive committee, giving the party new leadership. He said that after Mr. Adams became convinced that he could not be elected, he said he knew of no better man for the chairmanship than Mr. Hays.

ACCEPTS CHAIRMANSHIP.

In a telegram to the republican national committee at St. Louis Will H. Hays accepted the chairmanship of the republican national committee.

Mr. Hays did not expect to go to St. Louis and has made no plans.

At present he is chairman of the republican state central committee and chairman of the Indiana State Council for Defense, the regular weekly meeting of which he attended this morning.

Upham Is Treasurer.

Fred W. Upham of Chicago was elected treasurer of the national committee.

He received 34 votes: George R. Sheldon of New York received 12 votes.

E. P. Thayer of Indiana was elected sergeant-at-arms to succeed the late William Stone.

Guy V. Howland of Minnesota was elected assistant sergeant-at-arms, and James B. Reynolds of Washington was re-elected secretary.

Mr. Hays' telegram to the committee follows:

"I accept the chairmanship with a full knowledge of the responsibilities—responsibilities multiplied many times by reason of the national situation and the reconstruction that is to come.

Political Activity Ahead.

"Everyone knows that there will be political activity. The democratic party has been busy for months. This political activity should be open and acknowledged and of a character and on a plane that needs no subterfuge.

"There is but one side to the question of war. On that side, supporting the country's cause, shall stand every political party and every member of every political party entitled to any consideration whatsoever. The loyalty of the republican always has been and always will be measured only by the possibilities.

Endorses Rights of Individuals.

"There is but one possible rule for a party organization. The rights of the individuals within the party to participate in the management of the party's affairs shall be and remain equally sacred and sacredly equal.

"I fully appreciate the honor and thank you. I shall undertake the task with an absolute conviction that everyone of you and those whom you represent will co-operate, as I most earnestly urge all to do.

"I especially appreciate the magnanimous spirit in which Mr. Adams and all others have acted in behalf of party unity."

Adams Charged With Disloyalty.

The charges of disloyalty against John T. Adams of Dubuque, Ia., were based largely on a letter alleged to have been written by Adams, which Senator W. M. Calder of New York

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PARLIAMENT IN HEATED DEBATE ONKING'S SPEECH

London, Feb. 13.—The House of Commons today resumed the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

Discussion of foreign and military affairs was dropped temporarily for consideration of the administration of the government at home.

Herbert Samuel, formerly secretary of state for home affairs, made the opening speech on this subject. Later the decisions of the supreme war council at Versailles will be taken up.

Richard Holt, radical member from the Hexham division of Northumberland, prepared an amendment to the address expressing regret that, "in accordance with the decisions of the supreme war council at Versailles, prosecution of military effort is to be the only immediate task of the government."

This amendment is supported by a number of liberals and unionists.

Another amendment expresses regret that action has not been taken against newspapers which have published attacks on individual officers of higher commands.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION LAID TO LACK OF PREPARATION

Warren S. Stone Charges No Provision Was Made to Keep Motive Power in Condition for Operating During Winter; Criticises Employment of Women By the Railroads.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Lack of preparation by the railroads to meet the winter weather was the cause of the great traffic congestion, Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, today told the railroad wage commission, in asking for a minimum wage of $6 a day and penalty time and a half for overtime.

ROADS NOT PREPARED.

"Many roads went into the winter with no provision for taking care of their motive power," he said.

"There were no doors on roundhouses, no means of heating.

"I know one instance where 25 to 30 engines were kept burning all night, using perhaps one ton of coal each an hour to keep them from freezing."

Long hours worked by railroad men, Mr. Stone denounced as a menace to public safety.

He said a majority of yards were working on an eight-hour shift until the movement was begun for increased wages, when the work was lengthened to enable the railroads to show large amounts paid to employes.

Condemns Employment of Women.

More than half the engineers of the country receive less than $150 a month, he said.

Employment of women in the place of men was condemned by Mr. Stone.

He said women now were being used as engine wipers, cinder shovelers, lumber pilers, freight truckers and for other dirty and heavy work, although, he declared, there were plenty of men to fill such positions.

Realtors Hold Memorial Services for Two Members

Memorial services for the late George G. Wallace and Harry G. Jordan were held by the Omaha Real Estate board at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce at noon. Both men were prominent and long established members of the Omaha Real Estate board, formerly the Real Estate exchange. Mr. Wallace was secretary of the organization up to the time of his death a week ago.

Aged War Veteran Braves Pain As Surgeons Cut Off His Legs

A remarkable display of medical surgery and a more remarkable display of Spartan courage were demonstrated in an operation performed on Emil Berheaud of Bellevue at St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday morning.

Berheaud, who is 77 years of age, froze his feet during the cold weather two weeks ago, and it was found necessary to amputate both legs. Because of his advanced age, a general anaesthetic was deemed inadvisable, and what is known as a spinal anaesthetic was administered.

The old man lay, fully conscious, on the operating table and watched Surgeon L. A. Dermody cut off both legs at the knee. When asked if he felt any pain, he shook his head and muttered, "Once a soldier, always a soldier." Berheaud was born in France and served in the Franco-Prussian, civil and Spanish-American wars.

His body is covered with scars received in battle. He will probably recover, physicians say. The spinal anaesthetic is administered only in rare instances and serves to effectually deaden the pain, but leaves the patient fully conscious.

DUAL EMPIRE MAY ASK FOR SEPARATE TERMS WITH U. S.

Leaders Object to Sending Troops to Western Front, Where They Will Be Compelled to Fight Against Americans; Rumors Hint at Break Between Teuton Allies.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 13.—Facts are known which bring the possibility of a separate peace between Austria-Hungary and the entente allies much nearer, according to the lobby correspondent of the Daily News.

Great reluctance, he says, is manifested in Austria toward the prospect of fighting with British and American troops on the western front.

WAR POLICY MAY CAUSE ENGLISH PREMIER'S FALL

Dissatisfaction Expressed in Parliament Over Supreme Council; Lloyd George Challenges Opposition.

London, Tuesday, Feb. 12.—Parliament reassembled today on tiptoe with curiosity as to how Premier Lloyd George would meet President Wilson's latest declaration and the dissatisfaction manifested over the Versailles council and also as to how far H. H. Asquith, the former premier, would respond to the demand of the extreme wing of his followers for the abandonment of a policy of benevolence toward the government.

The House of Commons was not disappointed, for the sitting proved unusally exciting.

It hardly could be said that Mr. Asquith rose to the expectation of his party, but the temper of a large section of the members seemed to show that such tactics would meet with considerable support.

Denies Haig Has Quit.

At one point Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, interposing to deny that Field Marshal Haig or General Robertson had been dismissed or resigned, and, being closely pressed by a heckler, added: "As far as I know."

The house then adjourned and thus far no motion of want of confidence in the government has been placed on paper.

Perhaps the most notable feature was the contrast in the speeches of the premier and the former premier with reference to President Wilson's speech.

Contrast in Speeches.

While Mr. Asquith endorsed fully the president's view, Premier Lloyd George did not even mention Mr. Wilson's last speech and declined to see in Count Czernin's statement any nearer approach to reasonable terms than in Count von Hertling's.

Moreover, the premier regarded the German chancellor's demand that Great Britain give up its coaling stations as proving fully that the controllers of German policy were in no mood to discuss reasonable terms of peace.

Declaring absolutely that he would not yield on the matter of revealing more about the Versailles conference, Premier Lloyd George challenged the house, if dissatisfid with the government's conduct of the war, to put another government in its place.

Government's Weakness.

The question of enlarging on the status of the Versailles council led to a little scene between the premier and Mr. Asquith and throughout his remarks about the council the premier was subjected to a running fire of heckling, punctuated with loud cheers from extreme liberals.

Lord Hugh Cecil, member for Oxford university, admitted the premier's speech was reassuring, but said that the eakness of the government lay in the existence of coincidences between utterances in the press and certain lines of governmental action.

Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux invited the premier to get rid of his private secretaries and also the press, which was hanging around his neck "like an Albatross."

HERTLING TO REPLY.

Count von Hertling, the imperial German chancellor, it is reported unofficially, will answer President Wilson's address to congress in the German Reichstag next Tuesday.

President Wilson saw a difference between the chancellor's recent statement and that of Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, and declared that Count von Hertling had not withdrawn from his position that peace should be made on Germany's terms.

TEUTONS IN COLLUSION.

The recent speeches of Count von Hertling and Count Czernin were a collusive performance between the two statesmen intended to drive a wedge between the allies rather than to secure peace, Earl Curzon, government leader in the House of Lords, declared in a debate today.

No attempt, he said, had been made to meet the minimum demands of the allies.

Earl Curzon added:

"The most critical times that have ever confronted this country are in front of us. But I do not think the position is at all dangerous, and our military advisers do not think it is. At the same time we shall have to put every ounce of effort into the common cause.

"If we do that, I am confident we will win and thus save civilization."

Challenged to move want of confidence i his government by Premier Lloyd George, the British House of Commons yesterday failed to take such action. Criticism of the Versailles council and the premier's attitude concerning it was voiced in the house by former Premier Asquith and other speakers.

Italy Will Fight On.

Before the Italian Parliament Premier Orlando has declared that Italy will fight on until victory is achieved.

There is yet no indication that military operations on the western front are about to be resumed on a large scale.

Attempts by raiding parties are growing stronger, especially on the French front near Verdun and in the Woevre, but there have been no attacks in force.

German Drive Due in March.

"Some time in March," according to a German prisoner, the Germans will attack on the British front.

He did not know if a general offensive would be begun then, but there is marked activity behind the German lines.

The weather on the British front continues favorable and the fields and roads are drying fast.

U. S. Wants Rail Men For Service in France

Washington, Feb. 13.—The War department has asked the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to furnish 50 men for tank service and 1,000 engineers, for transportation service in France.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the brotherhood, today told the railroad wage commission he would furnish the department the names of men available.

U. S. Buys 1917 Crop Pinto Beans; Affects Nebraska

Denver, Colo., Feb. 12.—The 1917 crop of pinto beans will be bought by the federal food administration at a price of 8 cents a pound, re-cleaned basis, according to announcement here tonight by J. B. Lamson, of the food administration. The bean growing section of New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Nebraska are affected by the arrangement.

German Aerial Activity Over American Line is Increasing

(By Associated Press.)

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, Feb. 12.—Aside from increased aerial activity the American sector has been normal for the last 24 hours.

Harassing artillery fire and patrolling operations have been kept up, but there have been no clashes.

The American gunners are said to be growing more accurate daily. They have been especially effective in registering on the roads and light railways back of the enemy lines.

So accurate has been the shrapnel fire against the first lines of the enemy that they are now nearly abandoned, the Germans keeping only a few men in them.

In a sector such as this the Germans seldom man their first lines fully, but opposite the American positions they are reported to be keeping considerably less than the usual number in the trenches.

The number of enemy snipers and sniping posts has been reduced still further by the American sharpshooters, machine gunners and artillerymen.

Airplanes were overhead everywhere today. The enemy late in the day sent over a considerable number of machines in battle formation.

They were met and driven back by a French squadron.

The wounding of three men by accident was reported today, constituting the only new casualties.

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