

OPEN QUIZ ON QUESTION OF WAR CLERKS

Administration Officials Undergo Daily Grilling by House and Senate Committees on Failure to Reduce Employees.

GENERAL HARRIS DENIES MANY ARE NOT KEPT BUSY Change in Ruling on Pay of Overseas Soldiers Necessitates Handling of Much Additional Work, Baker Explains.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, March 26.—Administration officials are now undergoing a daily grilling by house and senate committees on their failure to reduce materially the number of war-time employees and that the reports that large numbers of the employees retained on the payroll are either idle or not fully occupied on government work.

In a session of the house appropriations committee Representatives Byrnes of South Carolina, democrat, directed attention to the matter of idleness in examining Adjutant General Harris. Mr. Byrnes wanted to know whether there was any check on the work performed and General Harris said he never day to ascertain whether all clerks were working.

Same Hours Each Day. "Do you use the same officers for these inspections?" asked Mr. Byrnes.

"Yes, sir, every day," replied the general. "If the clerks know when the officer is coming they could get busy immediately when he comes in sight," Mr. Byrnes pointed out.

General Harris said this is true, but that the inspections are not made at regular times. He said he himself frequently inspected the force and instancing one building containing 1,500 clerks had found "probably the one or four clerks who are not actually engaged and seldom found more than a dozen clerks not actually hard at work."

"I am frank to say that I have seen them when they were not working," said Mr. Byrnes. "I do not say that was in my department. I do not say where it was. I have been told by employees that at times they have not anything to do."

Chairman Good called attention to the testimony of Major Burks of the general staff of the army, who stated "I saw with my own eyes day after day hundreds of clerks who were doing nothing."

Much Extra Work. Before the senate committee on appropriations, Secretary of War Baker said that the war department force of civilian employees had been reduced 46 per cent since the armistice. The controller of the treasury had changed a ruling on overseas pay which alone necessitates the handling of 350,000 additional claims. He cited a letter from a soldier stating that he had had 11 different transactions with the war department, all of which had been disposed of promptly.

"These claims did not have to pass through the war risk bureau," (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Calls Treaty Debate Most Confused Gabfest in History of World

Jackson, Miss., March 26.—The peace treaty was rejected by the senate as a result of a "great conspiracy," against President Wilson, Senator John Sharp Williams declared in an address to the Mississippi legislature.

MAGISTRATE IN DUBLIN IS KILLED BY MASKED GANG

Three Attacks on Policemen in Three Days—Two Seriously Wounded.

London, March 26.—Almost every day furnishes a new victim for the "underground" warfare in Ireland. This morning Allan Bell, resident magistrate, 70 years of age, and for many years an official of the Royal constabulary, was dragged by a gang, some of whom were masked, from a tram car in Dublin and shot four times in cold blood before the eyes of the passengers. Some of the passengers were women, who fainted at the sight. The assassins fled and no arrests have been made.

There have been three attacks on policemen in different parts of Ireland during the past three days, two of the policemen being dangerously wounded. No One Convicted. Despite placards all over Ireland, offering \$10,000 reward and government protection for information, no one has been convicted for any of the assassinations, many of which have occurred in daylight in the presence of numerous witnesses.

Feeling still runs high in Cork over the murder of Lord Mayor MacCurtain. Several witnesses at the inquest attempted to connect the police with the murder, and the Sinn Feiners profess the killing was in revenge for the slaying of a policeman in Cork a few hours before the lord mayor was murdered. The house of commons today discussed the case of William F. O'Brien, leader of the transport workers, who is in jail. He is said to be conducting a hunger strike and in danger of death.

Raid 1,000 Homes Weekly. The Weekly Nation says that the police and soldiers raid about 1,000 Irish homes weekly; that A. V. Hackett, police commissioner, has been called in by Field Marshal Viscount French, lord lieutenant of Ireland, to assist in the rule of nationalist Ireland and that Inspector Smith, who was chief of the Belfast police when cargoes of rifles for Sir Edward Carson's force were being landed, is now head of the Royal constabulary.

With a superheated atmosphere on both sides of the Channel, the Irish home rule bill will be debated in the house of commons next Monday. The debate is not expected to last more than two or three days.

Premier Lloyd George will make the final summing up.

DRY ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHORN OF MUCH AUTHORITY

Decision of Federal Judge Makes Head of Department Mere Figurehead.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, March 26.—The A. V. Dalrymple, present in charge of the prohibition enforcement forces in the Chicago district, with his powers lopped off, is likely to be transferred to Arkansas, according to hints coming from Washington. The major is now in Washington, where he went to protest against interference with his work here and lack of support given him by other federal officials. From information dribbling in from Washington, it appears his mission is in vain and that he will be succeeded by a local man, perhaps one less vigorous.

In any event the new officer will be shorn of much power. Federal Judge Carpenter has ruled that hereafter no arrests, or seizures can be made until they are sanctioned by the district attorney. This makes of the prohibition enforcement chief a mere figurehead.

It also means that it will be exceedingly difficult to round up any of the bootleggers or saloonkeepers. Liquor is obtainable almost anywhere in the city, as attested by increasing drunkenness.

British Steamer Sends Out Call for Assistance

London, March 26.—The British steamer Ortega from Liverpool for Valparaiso, sent an S. O. S. message Friday from latitude 52 North longitude 5 West (close off the Linney head on the southeastern coast of Wales), asking for assistance. The message said the steamer desired to be towed back to Liverpool, as she was battling with heavy seas coming in from leeward.

The steamer El Paraguay is near by and is proceeding to the Ortega's assistance.

Senator Harding "Rather Unwilling" But "Confident"

Indianapolis, Ind., March 26.—Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio announced himself as "rather unwilling" but "confident" candidate for the republican nomination for president of the United States at a luncheon given in his honor here Friday.

He declared that in times of peril the country always had turned to the republican party and that it would do so again.

Senator Harding said he regarded all of his opponents as worthy men.

Socialist Mass Meeting Broken Up by Officers

UNIDENTIFIED GIRL ENDS LIFE IN RIVER

Neatly Dressed Young Woman Leaps to Death From Douglas Street Bridge While Five Spectators Are Helpless.

LIGHTS PLAY ON STREAM IN EFFORT TO FIND BODY

Pays Dollar for Toll When Motorist Speaks to Her—Search Being Made for Girls Missing From City.

An unidentified girl, apparently 16 years old and neatly dressed, entered a deserted "pub" on Douglas street at 8:30 last night, then leaped to her death from the middle of the Douglas street bridge to the swirling current below. Detectives conducted an all-night search along the river in an effort to recover the body.

Police checked a list of missing girls reported during the past six weeks in a possible attempt to identify the girl.

She wore a long dark red coat, buttoned about the neck, black shoes and a black straw hat, the lid drooping about her head. It was noticed she had light blonde hair and blue eyes. Her build was slender and her features light complexioned.

Five Witnesses Plunge. Five persons who saw her before she leaped to her death said she appeared to be between the ages of 14 and 17 years.

An unsuccessful attempt to reach the girl an instant before her leap to death was made by H. T. Peterson, 1919 North Twenty-first street, witness to the suicide. Miss Fern Paige, 2405 Capitol avenue, who was with Peterson, on her way to Council Bluffs on a motorcycle, also witnessed the girl's leap to her death.

Both had talked to her a moment before she climbed the north railing, 100 feet east of the No. 7 bridge side of the house. The girl had passed the toll house without paying toll.

Peterson and Miss Paige on a motorcycle, intercepted the girl and conversed with her several minutes before she climbed the railing.

"When I told her that she forgot only to see both men escape," (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Wholesale Grocers Urge Restrictions on Use of Packers' Cars

Chicago, March 26.—The National Wholesale Grocers' association opened its case against the packers and the railroads in an interstate commerce commission hearing by urging restriction of the use of packers' cars to the handling of fresh meats and packing house products and revision of the list of such articles.

Clifford Thorne, counsel for the grocers, presented the proposal, which he asked the packers and railroad interests to agree to and the commission to order executed.

The proposal provided that canned vegetables and soups, butter, cheese, various oils and canned meats with vegetable ingredients be excluded from cars used to ship fresh meats.

R. D. Rynder, counsel for Swift & Co., said that the recent agreement between the packers and the attorney General Palmer would cover the situation. "We cannot enter into any other agreement that might interfere with the carrying out of its terms," he said.

Prohibitionists Predict Victory in Ohio Recount

Columbus, Ohio, March 26.—Dry leaders late Friday predicted victory in the recount to voters east in the state prohibition referendum.

With the original wet majority of 479 out to 159, and with further reductions predicted by the dries through alleged errors, prohibition forces expressed the belief that a majority of a few votes for the dries finally would be recorded. Dry leadership expected anti-prohibition forces next week would demand recount of ballots in precincts where the wets claim errors in their favor.

Turkish Cabinet, Formed On March 9, Has Resigned

Constantinople, March 26.—(Havas.)—The Turkish cabinet headed by Sali Pasha, formed on March 9, has resigned and the sultan has asked Damada Ferid Pasha, former grand vizier and foreign minister, to form a new cabinet.

Damada Ferid Pasha was appointed Turkish grand vizier and foreign minister on March 7, 1919, and the following month was named head of the Turkish delegation to the peace conference.

Outcome of Suffrage in Delaware Still Doubtful

Dover, Del., March 26.—Disposal by the Delaware legislature of the proposed woman suffrage constitutional amendment not later than next Wednesday was in prospect when both houses adjourned Friday until next Monday. Ratification continued doubtful, rival camps holding steadfast to respective predictions of ratification and defeat.

Rev. T. J. Mackay Reported To Be in Critical Condition

Rev. T. J. Mackay, rector of All Saints Episcopal church, was reported very low last night.

HIGHJACKERS GET DEADLY POISON IN DRUG HOUSE RAID

Liquor Kept for Invalid Taken After Poisoning Dog.

Persons who drink any of the 50 gallons of liquid concoction "high-jacked" from the Goodrich drug company, 1308 Harney street, last night will drink to their own death, officials of the drug company stated as a warning in reporting the theft of the liquid to police.

The stuff stolen is known as "perfume spirits" and is a deadly poison, J. E. Goodrich, president of the company said.

Overlook Alcohol Barrel. "Highjackers" raided the laboratory room on the third floor of the building between 7 and 10 last night and made their escape with the poison on an automobile truck.

No attempt was made by the "highjackers" to break into a vault in the office in which is stored a barrel of alcohol. Six weeks ago, "highjackers" stole 14 gallons of alcohol from the third floor of the building.

Liquor thieves raided the home of Louis Bessell, 938 North Twenty-fifth street, sometime during the past week and stole 12 quarts of whisky, five gallons of homemade wine and a dozen quarts of jelly from the basement, Mr. Bessell reported to police last night.

The liquor had been kept for Mrs. Bessell, who has been an invalid for years. The invalid woman is under the constant care of a physician, and her condition depends upon brandy and wine, Mr. Bessell says.

"Highjackers" who raided the Bessell home poisoned "Rags," pet dog of the Bessell family, last Wednesday, Mr. Bessell believes.

BURGLAR SHOOTS WHEN WOMAN RAN TO CALL POLICE

Two Attempts to Enter Homes Fail When Inmates Are Aroused.

A burglar fired a shot at Mrs. C. Christiansen, 2636 Binney street, at 9 o'clock last night when she ran from her home to call police. The shot went wild. The burglar and an accomplice, who had acted as a lookout on the west side of the Christiansen home, escaped.

Mrs. Christiansen was at home alone when she heard a noise outside the dining room window, she said. Upon switching on a porch light to investigate, she caught sight of a man standing on the west side of her home.

She became frightened and ran across the street to call police. A shot from the east side of her house halted her. She turned around only to see both men escape.

Nothing is missing from her home. Detectives found the basement door open. Police believe the men were "high-jackers" and had attempted to break into the wrong house. Mr. Christiansen told detectives he keeps no liquor in his place.

Attempted Burglary Fails. A lone robber attempted to force his way into the home of B. Weiner, 2023 Clark street, last night while the family was eating supper. He was frightened away before his attempt was successful. Attention of the family was attracted by a man rapped on a window with a gun.

"Let me in or I'll shoot," he commanded. When Mr. Weiner ran into another room for a gun the man escaped.

Daylight Saving Rule Becomes Effective in New York at Midnight

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, March 26.—Daylight saving will become effective at midnight, but observance will not be general. Ocean liners announced they would sail an arrive under the regular system of time. Newspapers also must speed up to get their telegraph news in time to make a showing in the early editions. In all the city departments and wherever the law can be enforced, the daylight saving hours will be observed.

Chicago, March 26.—This city will continue to operate under what the southern people call "God's time." Considerable sentiment favored resuming daylight savings hours, but the American Federation of Labor declared against it and the idea was abandoned. There are indications now, however, that the labor unions would be glad if the city would over-ride their vote.

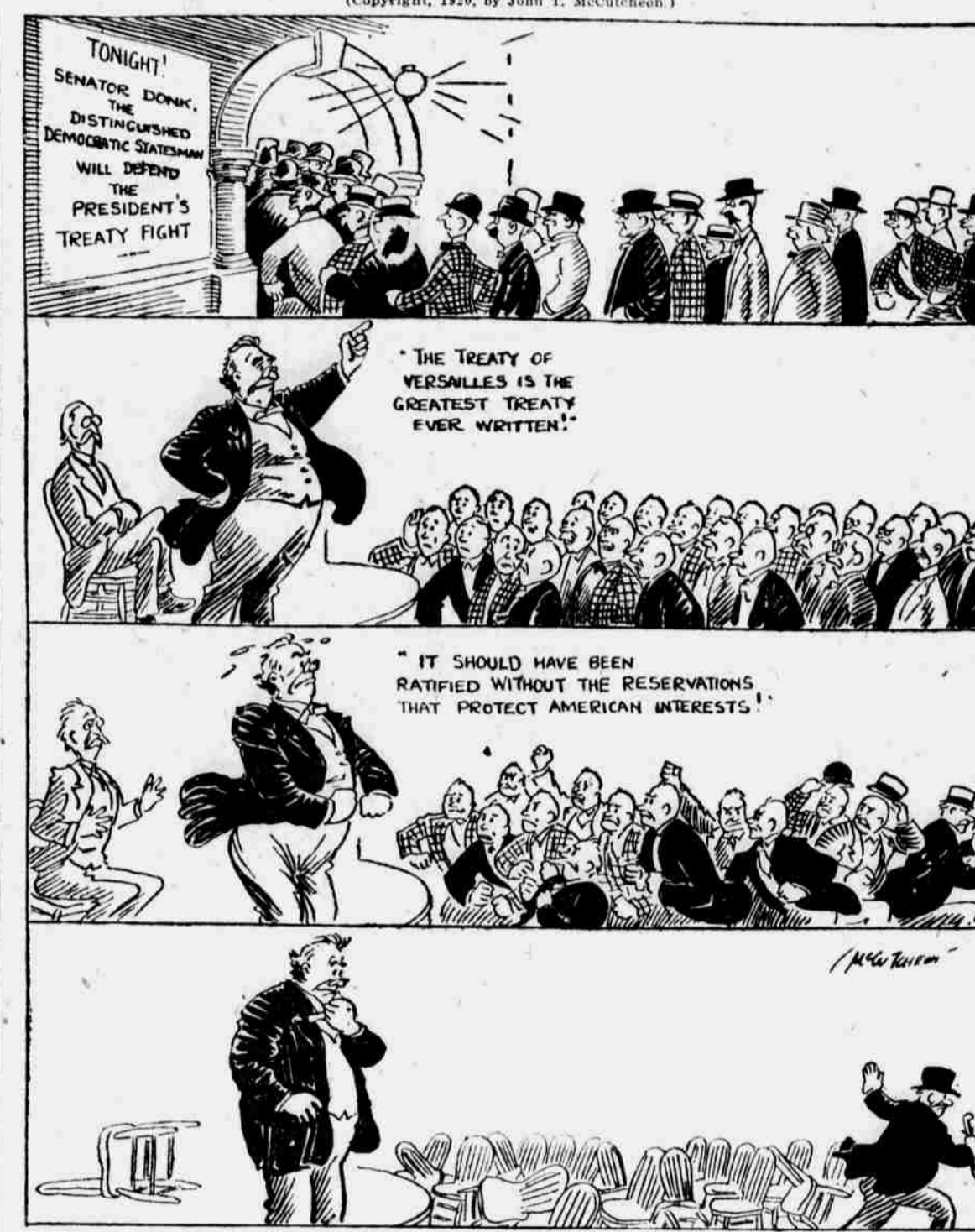
Shipping Board Official Indicted on Graft Charge

Seattle, Wash., March 26.—Capt. John F. Blain, former north Pacific manager of the United States shipping board, was reindicted here by a federal grand jury on charges that he accepted secret commissions on sales made to the board while he was manager. The federal court had dismissed previous indictments returned against him.

The Weather Forecast. Nebraska: Rain Saturday; cooler by night; Sunday fair. Iowa: Rain Saturday or Sunday night; Sunday partly cloudy and cooler.

Hourly Temperatures: 5 a. m. 34, 6 a. m. 35, 7 a. m. 36, 8 a. m. 37, 9 a. m. 38, 10 a. m. 39, 11 a. m. 40, 12 noon 41, 1 p. m. 42, 2 p. m. 43, 3 p. m. 44, 4 p. m. 45, 5 p. m. 46, 6 p. m. 47, 7 p. m. 48, 8 p. m. 49, 9 p. m. 50, 10 p. m. 51, 11 p. m. 52, 12 noon 53.

When the Democratic Orators Go Out To Defend the Party



SOLDIERS' BONUS BILL INTRODUCED BY MICHIGAN MAN

Measure Follows Lines Agreed Upon at Conference With Legion Representatives.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, March 26.—The American Legion's soldiers' bonus bill was introduced in the house Friday by Representative Fordney of Michigan, chairman of the committee on ways and means. Mr. Fordney, who has previously declared himself as favoring some legislation on the subject, explained that he offered the bill at the request of the legislative committee of the legion and that he was committed to its provisions.

Mr. Fordney said that the ways and means committee would begin the consideration of the soldiers' bonus legislation in executive session on Monday.

Choice of Four Plans. The bill as introduced by Mr. Fordney follows the lines of the recommendations agreed upon at the conference of committees of the American Legion earlier in the month. It provides that ex-service men shall exercise their option in receiving the benefits in one of four plans, land settlement aid, home aid, vocational training and cash compensation.

The bill authorizes the appropriation of \$500,000,000 over a period of 10 years for the land settlement aid scheme, of which \$50,000,000 is appropriated for immediate use. The sum of \$50,000,000 is appropriated for home aid loans and \$5,000,000 for vocational training.

The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated for the expenses of the operation of the land settlement and home aid plans. No specific amount of money is appropriated for the cash bonuses. The bill provides that in case any soldier shall not select either of the optional plans set forth in titles 1, 2 and 3, he shall receive upon his application the sum of \$1.50 per day for each day of his service between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1919, such sum to be payable "as soon as funds therefor are available and not later than one year from the approval of this act."

German Actress Killed By Imitation Avalanche

Geneva, March 26.—Hermine Koller, a well known German moving picture actress of Dresden, was killed and several other actors and actresses were injured near Innsbruck, in the upper steps of the Wildgratz mountain, when an imitation avalanche which was to envelop the group developed into a real avalanche, according to reports received here.

Mountain scenes were being taken by a German film company at an altitude of 9,700 feet. The scene was to depict a party of 11 persons being buried by an avalanche.

Negro Hanged in Missouri For Attack on White Woman

Poplar Bluffs, Mo., March 26.—Adam Jackson, a negro, was hanged in the Butler county jail here Friday for assaulting Mrs. Emma Mann, a white woman, last month. He was the first person to be executed in Missouri since capital punishment was restored last July.

MORE BELGIAN TROOPS PLACED ALONG BORDER

Ready to Fire Across Rhine if Further Outbreaks Occur in Germany—Revolutionists Remain Quiet.

By the Associated Press. Buderich, Rhenish Prussia, March 26.—Belgian reinforcements arrived early Friday to guard the bridgehead here and more than a score of guns, which are in position to open fire across the Rhine if necessary, are at present available.

Thursday night was quiet, only a few shots being fired. The revolutionary workmen apparently have not moved from the position to which they were driven yesterday.

Heavy Losses in Fighting. Wesel, Rhenish Prussia, March 26.—The workmen's headquarters admitted that heavy losses had been sustained in the fighting.

Major General Kabisch of the Reichswehr in a communique said the reichswehr forces which routed the workmen from the vicinity of Lippe Schloess found 50 dead there.

Count Kahn Killed in Riot. London, March 26.—A dispatch to the London Times from Rotterdam says that until they were upset by the radical revolt in Germany, feudal conditions prevailed in some districts of East Prussia, according to a German who recently arrived in Rotterdam from East Prussia.

Several of the big land owners called together small units of men drilled and treated as vassals, who were supposed to have been collected to defend the estates, and in reality were destined for General Ludendorff's army. When the news of the revolt was received the men burned many of the estates, and Count Kahn, one of the large land owners, was killed in a riot.

Bauer Cabinet Resigns. Berlin, March 26.—The Bauer cabinet has resigned. President Ebert has called on Hermann Mueller, the foreign minister, to take up the task of forming a new government. Herr Mueller accepted, but hesitated before tackling the job.

On the return of Ebert and his cabinet to Berlin after the fall of the Kapp "dictatorship," it was declared Premier Bauer would fill the vacancies in this cabinet and that it then would resign in a body, to be replaced by one more satisfactory to the radical elements in Germany.

Bisbee Wobblers Voted for General Strike, Records Show

Tomstone, Ariz., March 26.—Photostatic copies of records by A. S. Ambree, secretary-treasurer of the Bisbee local of the I. W. O. T. tending to show that the local voted June 23, 1917, in favor of a general strike throughout the United States as a protest against the persecution of I. W. W. members on account of alleged anti-conscription activities and to establish that the strike in the Warren mining district called June 26, 1917, was ordered by that organization as part of a nationwide movement, were introduced by the defense in the trial of Harry E. Wootton, charged with kidnaping in connection with the Bisbee deportations of July 12, if

KIDNAPED LAD RESCUED FROM HOTEL "PRISON"

Financier's Son, Held for \$25,000 Ransom, Again Safe at Home.

Lexington, Ky., March 26.—Paul Little, 12-year-old son of E. R. Little, a local capitalist, was safe at home Friday night, while the authorities were searching in several states for two men who kidnaped the boy Wednesday afternoon.

The lad was returned to his parents after he had telephoned to his home from a hotel room, where he said he had been imprisoned in the bath room for 38 hours. Often, he said, the kidnapers threatened his life, sometimes showing him a revolver. He said during his confinement his only food was a little fruit and piece of cake.

Left Bath Room Unlocked. His captors left the bath room unlocked Friday morning and Paul said he emerged into the room to find its door locked. Then he telephoned and his sister answered the call. The boy screamed with delight. In a short time his father was at the hotel and burst in the door of the room and the boy rushed into his arms.

The boy said he had been lured to the hotel by one of the kidnapers on a promise of a dollar for delivering a box of candy.

A note demanding a ransom of \$25,000 had been received by Mr. Little and although he announced he had deposited the money Thursday night in a garbage can, as directed, the kidnapers failed to appear, supposedly, the police say, through fear of arrest.

Offers to Give Throne Of Hungary to Former Emperor Charles

Geneva, March 26.—Admiral Horty, regent of Hungary, has secretly but officially offered the Hungarian throne to former Emperor Charles, with the assurance that everything has been arranged for the return of the Hapsburg monarchy, with the consent of the majority of the population, according to information from Pragens, where the ex-emperor lives.

Admiral Horty, it is declared, has invited the former ruler to come to Budapest as soon as possible, adding that the question with the allies in connection with the move could be best arranged from the Hungarian capital.

The ex-emperor, however, is said to be apparently hesitating as to his course, and has not left Pragens.

Smithland Bandits Flip Coin and Plead Guilty to Larceny

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Sioux City, Ia., March 26.—William Gostert, Omaha; Fred Le Roy, Kansas City, and James Manning and James Casey today entered pleas of guilty to charges of larceny as they were about to be placed on trial for attempted robbery of the Smithland, Ia., bank February 6, 1920. Their decision was made by flipping a coin. They will be sentenced Monday.

Parents and Two Children Killed in Utah Snowslide

Salt Lake City, March 26.—Four persons, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Parr and their two sons, Harold, aged 14, and Earl, 4, were killed early Friday when their home at Bingham, Utah, was destroyed by a snowslide. All the bodies have been recovered.

College Glee Club Tours. Storm Lake, Ia., March 26.—(Special.)—The Buena Vista college girls' glee club left yesterday on the spring vacation trip. They will give concerts at Spencer, Estherville, Linn Grove, Keosauqua, Early, Holtstein and Sac City.

CAMPAIGN OF WOOD UNDER FIRE BY BORAH

Idaho Senator Reads Press Dispatches Declaring Testimonials in Favor of Candidate Bought for \$2.50 Each.

SAYS WILSON SHOULD BE HIS PARTY'S CHOICE

"Nobody Else to Present His Issue"—Promises to Bare Extravagant Expenditures of Democratic Aspirants.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING, Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, March 26.—In a heated discussion of the alleged lavish campaign funds of Wood and Lowden and a couple of democratic aspirants to the presidency, in which was injected a reference to Mr. Wilson and a third term, the presidential campaign got under way in the senate today.

Much political oratory, pent up during the recent months of treaty discussion, was spilled, Senator Borah, a Johnson supporter, leading off with an attack on the Wood campaign in support of his bill requiring publicity of pre-convention contributions and limiting primary expenditures to \$10,000 in each state.

Senator Kenyon announced he would offer a resolution for a congressional investigation of the funds and expenditures of the various candidates.

Challenge Senator Borah. Senator Moses of New Hampshire, General Wood's Washington manager, vigorously denied that any money was being used "illegitimately" by the Wood faction. Democratic senators challenged Senator Borah's professed facts about extravagant expenditures of democratic candidates and Borah promised to furnish full information at an early date.

Senator Ashurst of Arizona, democrat, brought up the third term issue. "I know no democrat who is indulging in extravagant expenditures," he said, "and if I would publish it, I know no democrat who would offer a resolution for a congressional investigation of the funds and expenditures of the various candidates."

"Does the senator mean that he knows of nobody now seeking a third term?" asked Senator Borah. "The reputation of cherubic innocence is quite too much for me representing Arizona. So far as that goes, however, I think the president is entitled to a third term, because there is nobody else to present the issue to the country."

Senator Moses Skeptical. "I assume the senator means a third nomination, rather than a third term," suggested Senator Moses. "Well," answered Senator Borah, "if General Wood's managers continue their present practices it will mean a third term."

After explaining briefly the purposes of his bill, Senator Borah said that "for many years the use of money in elections has been growing enormously."

It has now attained an astonishing extent in controlling nominations and elections and the year 1920 promises to become a perfect saturnalia of corruption," he went on.

At this point Senator Borah read from this morning's New York Sun an Indianapolis dispatch describing the method of the Wood managers in Indiana, declaring that testimonials are being bought from all sorts of people in favor of General Wood at \$2.50 each. The dispatch said the word had gone out to get the nomination for Wood at whatever cost.

Hold Wood Responsible. "And I am advised that there are plenty of affidavits describing similar conditions in adjoining states," he continued. "Surely General Wood would not do such a thing, but he is responsible if he gets the benefit of it. If they are paying \$2.50 for testimonials, in heaven's name what will they not pay for votes?"

"This is not confined to the republican party either. In less than 10 days we will find that these expenditures of republican aspirants" (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)