

State May Lose Seat In Congress

Leaders Predict Reapportionment Bill Increasing Membership to 483 Will Be Defeated.

Will Affect Nebraska

Washington, Jan. 17.—Lines were sharply drawn tonight for a fight tomorrow to defeat the reapportionment bill, which would increase the membership of the house from 435 to 483.

After a final check-up, leaders announced that the measure as reported would be voted down decisively and that a substitute plan holding seats as now, would be adopted by a big majority.

There seemed little sentiment for a larger house. Members from states which hold representation under the shifting of 12 seats from 11 to eight states, declared they would vote against adding 48 representatives at a cost of \$1,500,000 a year when there is a demand for governmental economy.

As mapped out today the program under which the bill will be carried off tomorrow provides for five hours debate.

The republican steering committee was reported solidly against the increase, as individuals.

Under provisions of the bill house leaders expect to see adopted. The increase will be as follows: California, 2; Michigan, 2; Ohio, 2; and Connecticut, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas and Washington, one each. To make up this number without changing the 435 total, 10 seats and the following states one each:

Alabama, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, Rhode Island and Vermont.

By this arrangement the south would gain in North Carolina and Texas and lose in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Movement Begun to Have Tourists Take Middle West Route

Wymore, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The editors of The Wymorean and The Arbor-ator, the two newspapers here, have begun correspondence with journalists and magazine writers of the east to see if a movement cannot be started to have the eastern tourist take the middle west route during the coming summer and fall. Nearly all of the exciting western movies and literature is written about the western, and it is urged that motor tourists will be encouraged to route their trip to see this open country.

The idea occurred upon the little incident of a really famous singer, who had accepted a musical composition from a western girl, sending the girl some penny picture post cards with a short note indicating that "they would doubtless interest persons who so rarely had a chance to get such things."

A historical pamphlet of the Nebraska prairie, being prepared, and the movement, it is suggested, is to be known as the year of "The Nebraska Trek." It is planned also to secure the co-operation of the railroads whose patronage is secured from Nebraska and the middle west.

Canadian Balloon Trip Probe Opened

Rockaway, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Conditions are being corrected at the Rockaway naval air station so that it no longer will be possible for balloons to float into Canada without discussing details of their proposed flight with their commanding officer. This testimony was given here today by Capt. Damon E. Cummings, commandant, at the opening of the court of inquiry investigating the recent spectacular balloon flight of Lieutenant Kloor, Hinton and Farrell.

Jeffers to Take Hand in Ship Reconditioning Probe

Washington, Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—At the instance of Congressman Jeffers of Wisconsin, a committee on war expenditures has joined Mr. Frear in New York to conduct an investigation into the reconditioning of ships used as transports and turned over to the shipping board to be let to private shipping firms. The special committee, of which Mr. Frear is chairman, may also inquire into the alleged scandal growing out of the purchase of sugar by the Navy department and holding the same when sugar touched its highest price a year ago.

Hungary Unveils Monuments For Four Lost Provinces

Budapest, Jan. 17.—Four monuments in memory of the lost provinces of Hungary were unveiled in Liberty square today before more than 80,000 persons. Salutes were fired by cannon and the rifles of numerous soldiers, and the church bells were rung when the states of west, south and north Hungary were uncovered.

'Master Mind' In Texas Mail Holdup Gives Up

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 17.—Albert Rowan, son of C. T. Rowan, wealthy Dallas business man and property owner, today surrendered and was placed under arrest charged with robbing the Jackson street sub-postoffice here Friday. Police have been searching for young Rowan, following the confession of W. S. Scrivner, one of the robbers, in which Rowan was designated as the "master mind," who planned and directed the robbery.

Dry Officer Is Facing Jury on Murder Charge

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 17.—S. Gen. Young, federal prohibition enforcement officer, was placed on trial in federal court here today on a murder charge in connection with the shooting of Luka Vukovich at Madison November 6, last.

Vukovich was killed by Young when the latter, accompanied by Walter Cowgill, a Granite City policeman, entered the Vukovich home in search of illicit liquor. Eight bullets were fired into Vukovich's body. Young admits he fired the shots, but he asserts Vukovich attacked him and that he fired in self-defense. Vukovich, a laborer, was 45 years old.

Coroner Freed Him

A coroner's jury exonerated the federal officer, but State's Attorney Streuber conducted an investigation, which resulted in the return of the murder indictment.

The government has rallied to Young's defense. Attorney General Palmer has appointed Robert Patten of Sangamon county to assist United States District Attorney Edward Knotts in defending the prohibition officer. Mr. Streuber will conduct the prosecution.

The case was to have been tried in Madison county, but was removed to the federal court under a law which guarantees government employees federal protection when arrested in the discharge of their duties.

Prisoners Beat Him

Young was arrested, following his indictment, and placed in jail here, where other prisoners, who ascribed their incarceration to his activities, assaulted him. He was buffeted and drenched with hot water and finally rescued by prison officials.

Sheriff Stops Sale When Stolen Goods Noticed by Bidders

York, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—J. C. Holoubek and his wife were arrested after an attempt to sell at auction household goods, some of which are alleged to have been stolen.

Holoubek was the proprietor of the Pleasure All bakery, party destroyed by fire December 3. Recently he advertised that his household and household goods would be sold at public auction. Shortly after the sale started, bidders noticed articles among the goods which they assert had been stolen from their homes. The sale was stopped and the sheriff confiscated the property, which is said to be worth several thousand dollars.

Wool Growers Want Tariff Law Passed

Salt Lake City, Jan. 17.—Belief that a tariff bill would be passed by congress protecting American sheep and wool interests from foreign competition, was expressed by Frank J. Hagenbarth, president of the National Wool Growers' association, which opened here today and which is being attended by several hundred persons drawn from many states.

Builders of Auto Tops and Bodies Are Manufacturers

Washington, Jan. 17.—Concerns engaged in building over automobile tops or bodies for installation on new or old chassis were held to be manufacturers and subject to tax as such in regulations issued tonight by the bureau of internal revenue. The regulations apply in cases even though all such tops or bodies are manufactured as needed for an immediate job.

Man Slashed to Death in Ice-Planing Machine

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 17.—Frank Leamer, 41, of South Sioux City, Neb., was slashed to death in an ice planing machine while cutting ice on a lake near here today. His body was sliced in pieces by the keen knives when his clothing caught in the machinery.

Denies He Killed Wife

Algonia, Ia., Jan. 17.—L. T. Benjamin, arrested in connection with the death of his wife Saturday night, today stoutly denied he killed Mrs. Benjamin. She was found on the floor of the kitchen of her home, having apparently been killed with a hammer or similar instrument.

Murder of Sailor Was Unprovoked

Official Dispatches Agree That Japanese Sentry Fired On Naval Officer Without Cause.

Probe Will Be Continued

Widower Wins Diamond Ring Replevin Suit

Washington, Jan. 17.—Lieut. W. H. Langdon, American naval officer shot and killed by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok January 8, was the victim of an unprovoked attack, dispatches to the State department and to the Navy department today agreed.

The dispatches were based on statements elicited from the accused sentry by the Japanese board of investigation and court of inquiry. The sentry's statements were described as agreeing with the ante-mortem story by Lieutenant Langdon in that the sentry was the first to fire. The sentry, who previously had maintained that the American officer fired first, also was reported as having told the court of inquiry that he had discharged his rifle by accident.

Will Probe Death

The dispatches to the Navy department filed by Admiral Gleaves, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, now enroute to Vladivostok with an American naval court of inquiry, added that the sentry had been recommended for court-martial by the Japanese authorities.

When the dispatches were received complete than any previous ones and while officials expressed gratification that an agreement had been reached as to what happened, no tendency was displayed in official circles to relax the determination to investigate the matter thoroughly, and for that reason Admiral Gleaves will continue the Siberian port State department officials continued to await a reply to the note sent Japan requesting an explanation of the incident and assurances that it would not be repeated.

Returning to Ship

The State department was informed that Langdon, who is described as a "total abstainer," was returning to his ship early on January 8, using a flashlight to pick his way along an ice-covered pier. The sentry was on duty before the headquarters of the Japanese 11th division.

"The final story and full admission of the sentry," the summary of the report of the investigating board as received by the State department, added that he refused to answer interrogation by the Japanese board of investigation and court of inquiry, was that the sentry left his post, ran across the street, three times called "halt" and that Lieutenant Langdon did not halt. The sentry said that he then took position "three paces in front of Lieutenant Langdon with his rifle held at 'charge bayonet,' Lieutenant Langdon then stopped, according to the sentry's story, and shifted the electric pocket lamp to his left hand, groping with his right hand in the pockets of the sentry's uniform. The sentry asserted that he himself then took the position 'for action' and queried Lieutenant Langdon with the words 'Russian or American?'"

Sentry Was Excited

"The sentry admitted that he was very excited, but protested that he did not intend to shoot Lieutenant Langdon, but that his purpose was to seize Lieutenant Langdon's flashlight and compel him to accompany him to the guard in order that he might ascertain who the lieutenant was. He declared that he then discharged his rifle accidentally. He added that after he had discharged his rifle by accident and wounded Lieutenant Langdon and the wounded lieutenant ran, he fired two or three revolver shots at him."

Memorial services for Lieutenant Langdon will be held tomorrow at the Y. M. C. A. building in Vladivostok.

Russian Wife of Slain Officer Kills Herself

Manila, P. I., Jan. 17.—The Russian wife of Naval Lt. Warren H. Langdon, American officer killed by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok recently, ended her life upon learning of her husband's death, according to a Reuter dispatch from Vladivostok. Lt. Warren H. Langdon, chief engineer of the U. S. Albany, was shot by a Japanese sentry in Vladivostok a week ago and died later. Japanese government authorities exchanged letters over the incident and exchanges between the Washington and Tokyo governments over the matter are proceeding, while Admiral Gleaves, commander-in-chief of the American Asiatic fleet, is spending to Vladivostok with a court of inquiry to investigate the shooting.

War Veterans Must Pay Income Tax on Pensions

Washington, Jan. 17.—Unmarried war veterans must return to the government as income tax 4 per cent of any disability payments they receive in excess of \$1,000 a year. The Treasury department ruled today that it could not exempt such "service men," although they still in the service, from the requirement to pay on amounts in excess of \$3,500 a year. War risk insurance payments, however, are not taxable.

Loggers Accept Cut in Pay Of One-Third in Washington

Hogquiam, Wash., Jan. 17.—A cut of 33 1/3 per cent in wages of loggers in the Gray's Harbor district became effective today upon agreement of employers and employees through the wage scale board. The new minimum wage is \$4 in logging camps. The employees accepted the reduction so that logging camps might resume work.

St. Joseph Suburban Bank Robbed of \$200 in Stamps

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 17.—Robbers broke into the Farmers' State bank at Rea, Mo., 20 miles north of here, early today and obtained \$200 in postage stamps and \$41 in pennies. They also carried off a number of safety deposit boxes.

Harding Will Convene Congress on April 4

Washington, Jan. 17.—President-elect Harding practically has decided to call a special session of the new congress on April 4, members of the house means congressmen were informed today by Chairman Fordney, who has just returned from a conference with Mr. Harding at Marion.

Mr. Fordney discussed with the president-elect general taxation and tariff questions, which will be among the most important subjects to come before the special session of the new congress.

Widower Wins Diamond Ring Replevin Suit

Circuit held in custody pending appeal of case by widow, who claims gem as gift to her.

W. J. Morris, 54-year-old widower, resident of the Young Men's Christian association, won his diamond ring replevin suit against Mrs. Catharine DeBolt, widow of Drake court, in municipal court yesterday.

Mr. Morris, however, is in nominal, rather than actual possession of the ring, because Judge A. E. Baldwin, who heard the case, gave the disputed ring into the custody of the clerk of the court pending an appeal of the case to the district court by Mrs. DeBolt's attorney.

The testimony of the litigants revealed the story of their long friendship turned to hate. Mrs. DeBolt knew the late Mrs. Morris many years and during the latter's lifetime the DeBolts and Morrises were on intimate terms of friendship. When Mrs. Morris died 12 years ago the situation found Mrs. DeBolt and Mr. Morris both bereft of their mates.

Claims Ring as Gift

The testimony offered yesterday showed that Mr. Morris visited the widow frequently and about a year ago Mrs. DeBolt told Mr. Morris she believed it was time that she should declare his intentions, that she thought they should be married or quit. On that occasion Mr. Morris gave to Mrs. DeBolt the diamond ring which he testified had a sacred meaning for him in that it had been worn by his late wife. The agreement was that when Mr. Morris returned to Omaha in the fall they would arrive at an "understanding," according to Mrs. DeBolt, although Mr. Morris denied that he ever discussed marriage with her.

Mrs. DeBolt testified that the ring was a gift, whereas Mr. Morris insisted that he allowed the woman to wear it because of the regard he had and because of her friendship for Mrs. Morris. No engagement to marry her was claimed by Mrs. DeBolt, who even admitted on examination that she has been and now is keeping company with a man other than Mr. Morris, and that she regretted her estrangement from Mr. Morris had cognizance of and approved of the other man in the case.

Friendship Turned to Hate

The break between Mrs. DeBolt and Mr. Morris occurred recently. She testified that Mr. Morris called at her apartments on New Year's.

Wireless Record Is Broken in Relaying Newspaper Message

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 17.—What is claimed to be a world's record for civilian wireless transmission was made today when a message from the Hartford Courant to the Los Angeles Times was relayed by the station of Hiram Percy Maxim here. The relay came in one hour and eight minutes.

Several midwestern stations operated by members of the American radio relay league, the national organization of noncommercial wireless operators, assisted in relaying the test message.

Senate Favors Bill to Make Good Sugar Losses

Washington, Jan. 17.—The senate agriculture committee today approved Senator Wadsworth's bill authorizing the sugar equalization board to take over the sugar purchased in Argentina by the American Trading company for the account of the Department of Justice during the period of sugar shortage and high prices in this country. Under the measure the government will stand the loss on the purchase, estimated at \$1,800,000, due to the drop in prices.

\$25,000 in Liberty Bonds Stolen From Bank in Ohio

Marion, O., Jan. 17.—Liberty bonds and thrill stamps estimated at \$25,000 were stolen by robbers who broke into the North Bloomfield Banking company at North Bloomfield, 12 miles from here, last night and rifled 45 of the 50 safety deposit boxes.

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A Barrier or Counter—Which?



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The Hague, Jan. 17.—Frederick William, former crown prince of Germany, in an interview given to the editor of a German weekly published in The Netherlands, tells why he does not return to Germany, why his wife does not join him at Wieringen, and why he does not join his father at Doorn. He also sets forth his plans regarding the education of his sons.

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"Why does not my wife come here? Believe me, she would gladly do so. But there is no chance of such happiness. She has the training of our children at heart and must direct it. Our sons must learn to make themselves useful commercially. Wilhelm and Lulu are now going to the gymnasium at Potsdam. The elder wants to become an expert farmer. Lulu feels that she has the talent and ability for a mercantile career and is planning a tour of the world in a German merchant ship, and to learn modern languages. They are studying hard. They need a father's care, but that cannot be.

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Lowden Calls On Session Expense Bills Are Passed By Legislature

Appropriations of \$64,700 for Salaries and \$116,000 for Expenses Go Through Senate On Third Reading.

Lincoln, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The first two bills passed by the 1921 legislature went through the senate on third reading at its brief session this afternoon without a dissenting vote and now await the governor's signature. They are:

Makers of Home Brew Are Subject to Fine of \$1,000, New Ruling

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 17.—A ruling by the United States Treasury department at Washington that manufacturers of home brew beer are subject to a penalty of \$1,000 was received today by John A. Grogan, collector of internal revenue for the eastern Michigan district. The ruling stipulates manufacture of home brew is a violation, even where there is no sale or evidence of consumption, it was announced.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Fair; rising, probably Wednesday; Tuesday temperature Tuesday.

Fire Destroys Three Stores

Dallas, S. D., Jan. 17.—Fire of unknown origin today destroyed three stores and a number of offices and apartments, causing a loss estimated at \$75,000.

Army Size Now Fixed At 175,000

Military Protests Cause Senate to Increase Maximum—House Adopts Similar Resolution.

Recruiting to Be Stopped

By GRAFTON S. WILCOX. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Jan. 17.—The size of the regular army was definitely fixed by both houses of congress today at 175,000 men.

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