

Agreement Reached on Naval Base

Subcommittee Chooses Alameda, Cal., as Place for Pacific Coast Station of U. S. Fleet.

May Give Up Mare Island

Washington, Jan. 29.—An agreement definitely recommending Alameda, Cal., as a site for the new Pacific naval base and for location of other subsidiary west coast naval bases, was reached late today by a subcommittee of the joint congressional committee considering Pacific bases.

Controversy over locating the general fleet at Alameda was settled and the subcommittee completed its report for presentation to the full committee next Monday.

The subcommittee also confirmed previous recommendations for location of an aviation base at San Diego, Wash., a submarine base at San Pedro, Cal., and a destroyer and aviation base at San Diego, Cal.

An attempt to upset the committee's decision to recommend Alameda for the fleet base was defeated after the subcommittee had heard several admirals.

Detectives Who Sought Bergdoll To Be Prosecuted

Berlin, Jan. 29.—Carl Neuf and Frank Zimmer, the alleged American detectives who attempted to kidnap Grover C. Bergdoll and Isaac Stecher at Eberbach, Baden, on Tuesday night, and were arrested there, were taken to Mosbach today for a hearing before the state's attorney, who is conducting the prosecution. The two men who claimed to be connected with the bureau of criminal investigation in Washington, did not carry credentials for entering the unoccupied zone of Germany, as their passports had been signed by neither the German civil authorities nor the military pass bureau in Coblenz, says the Frankfurt Gazette.

Letter Writer Is Shot in Gun Fight

Ft. Dodge, Ia., Jan. 29.—Albert Stillion, a married man, was believed near death today and a companion was sought as a result of a gun battle last night with three officers. Stillion and a deputy sheriff were wounded; the latter slightly in the encounter which followed the receipt of blackmailing letters by Mack Hurlbut and J. F. Russell, prominent merchants.

Experts Required to Open Tekamah State Bank Safe

Tekamah, Neb., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Expert safe men from Omaha were required to open the safe of the Tekamah State bank containing valuable papers and much of the bank's currency. It was necessary to drill the combination. The officers of the bank worked several days after the combination refused to open the door in an endeavor to open it. Other banks in the city loaned the bank money with which to conduct their business until the safe could be opened.

Monsignor Caroli, Papal Nuncio to Bolivia, Dies

La Paz, Bolivia, Jan. 29.—Monsignor Caroli, papal nuncio to Bolivia and Peru, died here Thursday. As a result the Bolivian presidential convention suspended its session yesterday, delaying the election of the next president. A period of national mourning has been decreed.

Lord Mayor of Cork Told To Quit America by Feb. 11

Washington, Jan. 29.—Donal J. O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, has been ordered by Secretary Wilson of the labor department to leave the United States by February 11. He is now in the country as a steamer awaiting an opportunity to re-ship.

Colby Has Dual Mission In South American Trip

Secretary of State's Real Purpose to Restore By Counteracting Prejudice Against U. S. to High Exchange Rate and Relations With Latin-Speaking Nations

By WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD, Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Staff Writer. New York, Jan. 29.—Few Americans appreciate the possibilities of the importance of the Colby mission to South America.

South America's trade and friendship are of the utmost importance to the United States. Is it the natural outlet for our surplus material and manufactures. The day has passed when America was sufficient unto itself. We can no longer be a hermit nation. Because of our improved agricultural methods and machinery we produce more farm products than we can consume. Because of our superiority in machinery and the intelligence of our labor, we produce much more manufactured material than we need ourselves.

Consequently it is necessary for us to export our surplus. And South America is our best, most natural and most favorable market. South America An Importer. During the war we had an excellent opportunity to obtain control of this market. Economic conditions were so paralyzed in Europe that it was impossible for Europe to supply South America. She herself was an importer rather than an exporter. Consequently South Americans were dependent on us. Even now we are in a much better position both economically and financially to meet their needs than any other country. Europe was so badly crippled by the war that it will be several years before it is back to normal. We have had,

therefore, about six years in which to gain an ascendancy in this trade. During the war South America was very friendly towards the United States. This friendship, unfortunately, and this predominant economic ascendancy are rapidly waning. The South Americans are going back to Europe as a trade center as fast as Europe is preparing to supply their demand, and unless steps are taken to counteract the influence that are working against America it will lose her ascendancy in these countries within a few years.

Colby on Dual Mission. Mr. Wilson was quick to recognize this condition and he sent Mr. Colby on a mission ostensibly to recapture the calls of the two South American presidents, but in reality for the express purpose of counteracting the insidious influences that are working to discredit the United States in Latin-America.

There are several things that have combined to prejudice Latin-America against the United States. They have no tangible expression, but you feel them everywhere. Here are some of them: Warning of Hot Fight. The attack served as a warning of what may be expected next week when the house begins consideration of the army and the naval appropriation bills. It gave leaders cause for serious thought as to whether the supply measures could be put through before March 3.

Heretofore, the diplomatic bill has been prepared by the foreign affairs committee, in touch with needs of the service. The same rule applied to other committees, but under the new system ranking republican and democratic members of the foreign affairs committee, for example, were transferred to a consolidated appropriation committee of 35 members.

Point Out Weak Spots. This method virtually eliminated the chairman of the committee, so far as he was authorized to take any personal part in a supply bill's preparation. The republican member transferred became head of the particular subcommittee on appropriations, which tended to make him a more powerful figure on the floor than his former chairman.

Jealous of their old powers, some chairmen and committee members, it was said, made no attempt to conceal animosity or desire to take a whack at the bill. The weak spot in the new system, according to those opposing it, was in fact that many appropriations were authorized which had not been authorized before and which were thus open to points of order.

There are ways by which the items eliminated may be put back, either by the senate, in conference or by special rule, giving them legislative standing. Mondell Defends Plan. Defending the new policy, Representative Mondell, republican leader, declared it was a matter of economy and that 150 members had freely surrendered their former rights for the common good.

Representative Small, democrat of North Carolina, member of the subcommittee which reported the bill, declared the system was wrong and insisted that members of the military committee, who for years had given profound study to the needs of the War department, more properly should handle the army appropriation bill.

There was applause when Mr. Small asserted that by this method 35 men actually were doing the work that 435 were elected to do. An appropriation of \$250,000 for post allowances for diplomatic and consular officers and \$25,000 for the expenses of the United States section of the inter-American high commission were stricken out on points of order.

The final vote probably will come Monday.

Miners Will Fight Attempt To Reduce Scale of Wages

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 29.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, while visiting his home here today, advised that the miners' union will oppose any attempt to reduce wages of miners. "We feel," he said, "that wages per ton are low enough to permit the sale of coal at a reasonable price. Wages for both anthracite and bituminous miners will continue in effect until March 31, 1921."

\$8,000,000 Diplomatic Bill Riddled

Growing Discontent Over Method of Framing Big Appropriations Breaks Out In House Fight.

Much Animosity Shown

Washington, Jan. 29.—Growing discontent over the new system of framing big appropriation measures broke in the house today with unexpected fury. The upshot was the virtual riddling of the \$8,000,000 diplomatic and consular bill, which was cut to pieces on points of order. There was no general attempt to wreck the bill; members simply sought to register violent opposition to the manner of its framing. Not all were willing to go that far, for many objectors were unwilling to seize on technical grounds for its destruction. One member, however, attacked item after item and they went out as without authority of law.

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An Unwelcome Censor



Bill Prepared To Reduce State Congressmen

Politicians Oppose Reduction While Southern States Get Representatives for Non-Voters.

Lincoln, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—A bill to reapportion Nebraska congressional districts, as made necessary by federal action which provides for five instead of six Nebraska congressmen, will be introduced in the state legislature Monday.

Under present plans it will not be rushed through legislative channels. It will be held in abeyance until there is no doubt but that Nebraska will really lose one congressman.

Nebraska politicians are beginning to show their teeth at Washington over the attempt to reduce congressmen in ratio to the federal census. State officers here this week declared such procedure was absolutely unfair, as southern states, with less voters than Nebraska, are getting many more representatives. While the population of the southern states is greater, in many instances their voting population is less, and it is argued, that by the wildest flight of imagination southern representatives do not attempt to represent the large negro population which is responsible for the large number of representatives from those states.

In the 1916 presidential election there were 289,912 votes cast in North Carolina against 286,177 in Nebraska. North Carolina with its negro population, which is denied suffrage, has 10 congressmen against six for Nebraska, with a threat hanging over Nebraska's head that there may be one less before this session is over.

San Francisco Newspapers To Raise Rates February 1

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Newspapers of San Francisco and Oakland will increase their subscription rates beginning February 1, according to an announcement to be published by them tomorrow. Increased cost of production is the reason. The morning dailies of San Francisco will be \$1.15 a month, instead of 90 cents. Two San Francisco evening papers will raise from 55 cents to 75 cents a month and from 3 cents to 5 cents a copy, while a third paper will sell at 60 cents a month, instead of 50 cents, and at 3 cents a copy instead of 2 cents. Approximately equal increases will be announced by two evening publications of Oakland.

Negro Confesses to Murder for Chicken

Chicago, Jan. 29.—In exchange for a meal of fried chicken, Rescoe Thompson, a negro, confessed to killing Rev. G. L. Burrage, also colored.

"It was a joke on me," Thompson said to the police who provided the chicken. "I went to all the trouble of killing him and cut his head freely off with a razor and all I got out of it was \$2 and a bum watch. Gee, this chicken is good."

House Votes to Accept Morgan London Home As American Embassy

Washington, Jan. 29.—The house voted to authorize the secretary of state to accept the offer of the residence of J. P. Morgan in London as an American embassy. Acceptance of the gift was proposed by Representative Walsh, republican, Massachusetts.

The house also voted to appropriate \$150,000 for the purchase of an embassy in Paris. Both propositions were offered as amendments to the diplomatic and consular bill.

New \$30,000,000 Potash Firm Organized in Utah

Salt Lake City, Jan. 29.—The Industrial Potash corporation, capitalized at \$30,000,000, has been incorporated here to exploit the immense alumite deposits in the Mount Baldy, the Ohio and the Durkee mining districts near Marysvale, Utah. The construction of a plant capable of handling 10,000 tons of alumite ore per day and the expenditure of \$1,000,000 in the development of the holdings is contemplated, according to Louis Grollman of Chicago.

York Man, on Trip to South, Stops Off at Washington

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—O. S. Gilmore of York, Neb., is in Washington, en route to Florida. Mr. Gilmore is interested in the federal road project No. 143, which extends from York to Fairmont, Neb. A controversy has arisen as to whether the west road out of York or the east road should be designated. Mr. Gilmore is in favor of the east road.

Authorities Now Near Solution of Kidnaping Case

Decline to Say Whether Death of Two in Auto Crash Has Bearing on Disappearance of Los Angeles Woman.

Los Angeles, Jan. 29.—The mystery of the disappearance Tuesday of Mrs. Gladys Withereil, wife of O. S. Withereil, investment company head, was somewhat nearer a solution late today, police and private detectives investigating the case said.

The police declined to say whether they considered the deaths of Charles Beverly, former business assistant of Withereil, and Mrs. Elda Westman Tenney, Withereil's stenographer, in an automobile accident early today had any bearing upon the case.

Beverly and Mrs. Tenney lost their lives when the machine in which they were riding struck a street car and was overturned. Following this near was another in which several detectives from a private agency retained by Withereil, Nick Harris, head of the agency, said there had been a purpose in having the Beverly car trailed, but declined to state what it was. He asserted Beverly had questioned about the disappearance of Mrs. Withereil but said there had never been the slightest reason to investigate the movements of Mrs. Tenney or those of Harry Glazier or Miss Mary Worthen, who were injured in the accident.

Omaha Coal Man Ordered To Produce All Records

Washington, Jan. 29.—Randall K. Brown, a wholesale coal man of Omaha, was ordered today by the senate manufacturers' committee to produce records of all his coal sales and purchases during 1920. He appeared to oppose the Calder coal regulation bill, but pronounced inability to answer definitely questions as to cost, selling price and freight charges on his \$1,250,000 annual business. Chairman La Follette insisted that the entire record be brought to Washington.

Alaska Leads Country in Purchase of Thrift Stamps

Washington, Jan. 29.—Sale of thrift stamps and other treasury securities were greater per capita in Alaska during 1920 than in any state, the Treasury department announced. The average investment in Alaska by every man, woman and child was \$2.20. Ohio led the states with a per capita of \$1.50.

The Weather

Forecast. Sunday fair and colder. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 32, 6 a. m. 32, 7 a. m. 32, 8 a. m. 32, 9 a. m. 32, 10 a. m. 32, 11 a. m. 32, 12 noon 32, 1 p. m. 32, 2 p. m. 32, 3 p. m. 32, 4 p. m. 32, 5 p. m. 32, 6 p. m. 32, 7 p. m. 32, 8 p. m. 32, 9 p. m. 32, 10 p. m. 32, 11 p. m. 32.

Police Seek 2 Bandits In Omaha

Gunmen, Wanted in Connection With Cleveland Robbery, Believed Hiding In This City.

Pictures Are Identified

Omaha police are scouring the city for two alleged bandits, believed to be in hiding here, who are wanted in connection with the robbery of \$9,500 from a bank messenger at Cleveland, O., January 7.

Pictures and Bertillon measurements of the two men, Frank Steward and John Burke, were received by Omaha police yesterday afternoon from Cleveland authorities, together with a message stating that the alleged gunmen are thought to be in Omaha.

A reward of \$900 has been offered for the capture of the men. Earl Heminger, member of the waiters' union here, has positively identified the pictures as those of former restaurant waiters in Omaha, according to Acting Chief of Detectives Jack Pisanowski. The two men were working in Omaha the first few days in January, Heminger is said to have asserted to police.

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The other four of the bandit quartet escaped. Omaha police are making a thorough search of the city for Steward and Burke, who are said to be dangerous criminals and likely to put up a desperate battle for freedom if cornered.

199 Police Die in Irish Disorders To Last Monday

Dublin, Jan. 29.—The official summary of the events in Ireland for the week ending Monday, January 24, says that there were 42 attacks on police and military; seven fatal assaults on police, of which five were cold-blooded assassinations, and 43 raids on the mails.

There were 72 courts-martial, at which 60 convictions were secured and 18 sentences of penal servitude from three to 10 years were imposed, and one life sentence for the attempted murder of a constable. There were 34 additional internments, making the total to date 1,463.

The total record of outrages to date is given as follows: Court houses destroyed, 69; raids on mails, 500; police barracks destroyed, 535; barracks damaged, 194; military killed, 54, and wounded, 127; police killed, 199, and wounded, 311.

Mystery Surrounds Delay in Examination of Dead Man's Stomach

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Authorities here were notified late Saturday that the examination into the stomach of Gus Batke, Norfolk man who is believed to have died from poisonous whiskey, has been made almost impossible due to the fact that the stomach, which was sent to the University of Chicago, was mysteriously delayed in transit.

Pennsylvania Firebug Given Long Prison Term

Uniontown, Pa., Jan. 29.—Albert Smith, 19, son of a wealthy real estate owner of Fairhope, Pa., pleaded guilty in criminal court to 13 charges of arson, and was sentenced to serve not less than 42 or more than 85 years in the Western penitentiary at Pittsburgh. Smith was arrested several weeks ago after the entire countryside had been aroused by a series of incendiary fires which caused no less than \$750,000 loss.

Italy Claims Medieval Music Manuscripts of Sanderbach

Vienna, Jan. 29.—Italy has laid claim to the famous collection of medieval music manuscripts made by Johann Sanderbach, an Austrian priest, who late in the 15th century became bishop of Trent. This collection was bought by Austria from Trent in 1890 and comprises 158 pieces of the earliest French, German, English, Italian and Latin scores, forming a history of music from 1000 to 1400 A. D.