

Alien Bill Approved By House

Members Opposing Measure Urge That State Keep Hands Off Delicate Situation; Say "Menace" Remote.

Time of Leases Extended

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The lower house, in committee of the whole, passed the alien land bill today by a vote of 65 to 27 after two hours' debate.

Prior to the debate on the merits of the measure, Representative Davis, author of the bill, injected amendments which extended the time of Japanese leases and mortgages to five years, instead of two, and provided that the provisions of this bill would never rise up to challenge any future treaties entered into by the United States with foreign countries.

A handful of almond-eyed Nebraska Japanese, who have been haunting legislative halls for a week, listened attentively to arguments.

Urge "Hands Off." Representative Perkins pointed to action by the legislatures of Washington, Utah and other states in keeping their hands off a delicate international situation.

Representative Williams implored the republican legislators to refrain from embarking on the incoming administration by sanctioning a bill which on the face of it carries a deft to the growing, ambitious nation.

Representative Rodman also implored members to "keep out of an international affair" and declared that if treaties did not exist which permitted aliens of certain other countries to own land in America he would insist that all alien land owners in Nebraska be included in an amendment which would bar them from acquiring future titles to Nebraska lands.

Say Menace Remote.

Other opponents of the bill pointed to the fact that in recent years the Japanese population in Nebraska had decreased from 1,000 to 500 and a "yellow menace" in this state was as remote as salvation for the kaiser.

But Representatives Anderson, the speaker; Osterman, a democrat; Davis, author of the bill; Hoffmeister, a democrat, and numerous republicans declared the passage of the bill would merely point out to the administration the desires of the voters.

They held that the time to nip trouble was when it was budding and not when it was blossoming. They declared that Nebraska's turning down of the bill would be used as argument against barring Japanese land owning in future treaties and would not indicate sympathy for their white brothers in California where the only other bill of its kind is on a state statute book.

Arguments Pro and Con.

Bankers and business men from North Platte and other towns in Nebraska had written letters to members for and against the bill. Some declared the Japanese should be given credit for "making garden spots of arid lands that east-going Americans wouldn't touch." Others fought against Japanese land owning on the ground that their mode of living without silk stockings for the girl children and automobiles and other luxuries was a menace to the "American standard of living." The bill must now be considered in the senate.

Pomp and Splendor of Prewar Days Seen in Canadian Parliament

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The fifth session of the 13th Canadian parliament opened today amid the pomp and splendor of prewar days, and was addressed by the Duke of Devonshire, governor-general. The duke advocated a revision of the customs tariff, but declared the "principle of protection must be constantly maintained."

Last of Annual Supply Bills Reaches House

Washington, Feb. 15.—The last of the 13 annual supply bills reached the house today, the appropriations committee reporting the fortifications measure. It carries \$8,058,000, a decrease of \$2,619,000 from estimates, and \$10,775,000 less than the appropriation made a year ago.

Tonsillitis Girl of Deft Fingers, Busy in Chicago

Chicago, Feb. 15.—"Oh, doctor, you're hurting me— That is what Miss Bessie Alma Reia, who is known to police as "the tonsillitis" girl, told a dozen South Side physicians during the past few days as they leaned over her to treat her throat. Then she would squirm, and wave her hands around the doctors as if in extreme pain.

Who Lost Land to Carranza

Mexico City, Feb. 15.—All land owners in Mexico who were deprived of their property as a result of decrees issued during the Carranza administration would be paid under the provisions of a bill submitted to the presidential legal staff today by President Obregon. Should the staff approve of the measure it will be presented to congress.

Judge Fines Self for Violating Traffic Law

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 14.—Police Judge L. L. Kent, who found himself guilty today of violating the traffic law on evidence submitted by the policeman, docketed the case and imposed the usual fine. He paid.

Memorial to Women Unveiled in Capital



Washington, Feb. 15.—Women of the world gathered here today to pay tribute to America's pioneer suffragists.

Woman takes her place in national history today, for a national memorial to women was unveiled in the rotunda of the capitol, where it will stand with statues of Washington, Lincoln and other great and historic Americans.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott and Susan B. Anthony, pioneers of the suffrage movement in America who led to victory last August after years of struggle, are immortalized in the statue which will be placed in the national hall of honor. The statue is the gift of the national woman's party and the ceremonies are the result of the united efforts of the women of 40 great national women's organizations.

Rail Labor Board Hears Appeal for Wage Reduction

Chicago, Feb. 15.—The railroad labor board heard arguments on the Atlantic, Birmingham & Atlanta railroad's plea for permission to reduce wages. The case is said by railroad men to be of greater importance than any other single line dispute yet brought before the board.

The argument hinged on whether the board had jurisdiction over the road's financial status. The road declared a wage reduction was made imperative because it faced a monthly deficit of \$100,000.

As stated by Col. B. L. Buggs, president, the road's position was "Is the board going to disregard conditions of traffic? Is the board to fix rates regardless of the railroad's carrying power? If the board can fix wages without regard to other conditions then the claims of the employees, then it is just as well that we have no representation here."

When a cord is around a railroad's neck, strangling it to death, the board should give relief.

For the employees, W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, stated his case as follows: "It has never before been suggested that wages be made to depend on the financial condition of a road. We are willing to make a test case before the courts on the constitutionality of the transportation act. This road is advocating a sliding scale on the basis of the road's condition. They now ask that the board allow them to take back the basis on which the Interstate Commerce commission increased railroad rates."

Oil Purchasing Agents Announce Further Decline

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 15.—Reductions of from 10 to 50 cents in the prices of crude oil were announced here today by the principal purchasing agencies. Pennsylvania crude received a cut of 50 cents a barrel, making the new price \$3.75.

Congregation Worships Amid Fire Ruins of Church

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—Although the little building occupied by the Glad Tidings Mission, in a congested quarter of this city, virtually was destroyed early today, services were uninterrupted. Assembling several hours after the fire, the congregation knelt amid the scorched and water-soaked debris for its usual Sunday worship.

Autoists in Crash Settle Arguments With Revolvers

Chicago, Feb. 15.—One woman and four men were wounded today in a pistol fight after two automobiles crashed into each other.

World Wide Appeal Is Made to Save Russians

New York, Feb. 15.—An appeal to the nations of the world to aid Russian refugees was issued today by the executive committee of the conference of the All-Russian constituent assembly in Paris. The appeal, received by cable by A. J. Sack, director of the Russian information bureau in the United States, reveals that there are at present 1,500,000 Russian refugees, victims of the world catastrophe and civil war, saving themselves from mortal torture and mass executions.

House Cut In Mill Criticised

Appropriation as Passed Will Mean Scrapping of All Naval Aviation, Officer Declares.

Harms Commercial Plans

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Feb. 15.—Naval aviation will be scrapped, the navy will be unable to defend the country and it will be necessary to abandon the air defense of the Panama canal, if the naval appropriation, as passed by the house yesterday, becomes a law with its limitation of the funds for the navy's air service to less than \$7,000,000.

This was the assertion today of Capt. T. T. Craven, director of naval aviation, in commenting upon the house appropriation of \$6,915,431, compared with the department estimate of \$35,000,000.

Captain Craven said that although it is now proposed to build two naval airplane carriers at a cost of \$35,000,000, there is no provision for the design, manufacture or development of the equipment they are to carry.

The bill virtually amounts to the destruction of naval aviation, said Captain Craven, and its destruction will mean perhaps a fatal blow to commercial aeronautics and the aircraft industry without which it is not practicable to have adequate aerial defense.

Long Time Necessary.

It will require from a year to a year and a half to begin to obtain equipment, he said, even if appropriations were immediately available. "Unless the senate increases the naval aviation appropriation," said Director Craven, "we will be compelled to relinquish Cocosolo, the naval air station from which the aerial defense of the Panama canal is conducted. Cessation means exposure of the canal to attack from the air, and if attack ever is made it is certain to be made first through aerial bombardment.

The aviation detachments serving with the Atlantic and Pacific fleets cannot be maintained. Present equipment consists, for the most part, of planes left over from the war. Under the bill as it now stands, we have not sufficient funds to install modern radio on these planes. The planes themselves, for the most part, will have to be junked before the end of the year.

Giant Dirigible Doomed.

The project to construct one of the world's largest dirigibles—the Zik—in the United States (work on which has already begun) will have to be abandoned. Competitions in naval aircraft design which were entered into by the American aircraft industry will be terminated.

"The result will be serious embarrassment, possibly fatal injury, to the lighter and heavier-than-air aircraft industries in the United States, and will mean a check on the development of our designs and the manufacture of our equipment."

"Even the operation of the great rigid Z-R-2 purchased abroad at a cost of \$2,500,000 will be limited to the Atlantic coast, as the plans for an airship terminal in Southern California will be killed. This means that the Pacific coast will be deprived of the principal element in long distance aerial defense.

Adequate Protection Needed. In pleading for adequate appropriations, Chief of Engineers Beach told the committee: "There is reason to believe that our outlying possessions on the Pacific and especially Panama, would be attacked in case of hostilities before there was any declaration of war and we feel that those localities should be provided with certain guns and such fortifications that they can be safe against any sudden or unexpected attack."

Charge Liquor at Party; 16 Students Suspended

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 15.—The suspension of 16 men students of the University of Kansas, who were alleged to have attended a party near Lawrence at which liquor flowed freely, was announced by Chancellor Lindley.

Successful Test Made of Two Conversation Wireless

Los Angeles, Feb. 15.—Apparatus by which it is hoped to make it possible for two or more conversations to be held simultaneously over the same wireless set was given a continental test last night, it was announced here today by officials of the American Telegraph and Telephone company.

Hides Damaged by Fire

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—A warehouse belonging to the Norfolk Hide and Metal company, was badly damaged by a mysterious blaze. Many hides and pelts were damaged.

Will Perseverance Win?



O'Callaghan Asks Right to Remain in United States

Petitions State Department to Change His Status From Seaman to That of Political Refugee.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Threatened by the Department of Labor with arrest and deportation, Donal J. O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, appealed to the State department for a change of his status from that of "seaman" to political refugee and for permission to remain indefinitely.

In the petition presented by his attorneys, Judge Lawless and Michael Doyle, O'Callaghan protested against his deportation "at this time, to any place where he might be exposed to capture or molestation by the forces of the British government."

Presented to the petition brought out for the first time that the time allowed O'Callaghan to depart had been extended by Secretary Wilson. It was learned that the expiration of the time limit was responsible for this last effort of O'Callaghan's counsel to stay his departure.

In a conference last week between O'Callaghan's attorneys and Secretary Wilson, the mayor was threatened with arrest and deportation by Judge Lawless, who said today that the secretary was only constrained to postpone such action by the request of the mayor's attorneys that further time be granted to permit the filing of a new petition. The attorney at that time argued that too much publicity had been given to the time limit fixed for the departure of the lord mayor to permit him to leave in secrecy.

Although the State department is expected to give due consideration to the brief to be filed by the attorneys, officials have stated informally that the case was closed so far as the department was concerned, with the adjudication of O'Callaghan as a "seaman" by the department.

Jewels Stolen in 1917 Are Recovered by the Police

Boston, Feb. 15.—The mystery of the missing jewelry, valued at \$15,000, which Mrs. William Littauer of Washington lost in September, 1917, while enroute from this city to New York, was cleared up today. Detectives identified the jewels which William Covington, recently tried to sell here for \$150 as some of those Mrs. Littauer lost. They estimated the value of the gems recovered at \$10,000. Covington is being held.

Astronomer Credited With Finding Many Comets, III

Geneva, N. Y., Feb. 15.—William Robert Brooks, president of astronomy at Hobart College, reported to have discovered more comets than any other living astronomer, is seriously ill at his home here.

Giant Ocean Liners May Race to Pacific Coast

Baltimore, Feb. 15.—The Pacific Mail steamship Golden State and the Matsun liner, Hawkeye State, two of the latest examples of American shipbuilding art, sailed from this port at the same hour, 1 p. m., on their maiden voyages, both bound for San Francisco. All talk of a race was deprecated by officials of the respective companies, but it is no secret that the rivalry is keen.

Ask Wilson For Invoice Of War Fund

House Passes Resolution Calling on President for Itemized Statement of \$150,000,000 Voted by Congress.

Hot Debate on Question

By The Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 15.—After heated debate, the house late today adopted a resolution calling upon President Wilson for an itemized statement showing disbursements and allotments of the \$150,000,000 war funds voted by congress.

The resolution adopted, 211 to 79, was attacked by democrats, who charged it was put forward to defame and malign President Wilson in the closing days of his administration. Reference to expenditures by the American peace commission at Paris fanned the flames on the democratic side and turned the debate into partisan warfare.

Chairman Good of the appropriations committee, who reported the resolution introduced by Representative Byrnes, republican, New York, declared if any injustice had been done the president and democrats were responsible by attempting to create the impression that "there was something crooked in the money spending," when the resolution did not intimate that there had been anything improper. Mr. Good declined to offer an amendment calling on government departments for an accounting.

Defends President.

Representative Byrnes, republican, Tennessee, declared that while he had no objection to adoption of the resolution, he thought the information should be sought from the various departments. The president, he said, had nothing to do with the actual spending, that more than four-fifths of the fund had been accounted for and that it was merely an attempt to make it appear that he was unwilling to present the record.

"The American people will never forget the great achievements of Woodrow Wilson," he said, "and his name will fill the brightest pages of history after his detractors are dead and forgotten."

Representative Rogers, republican, Massachusetts, attacked reported expenditures of the peace commission at the Hotel Crillon in Paris, calling attention to an item of \$125,000 for damage to the hotel property.

Raps "Confidential Expenses." "The acting secretary of state was unable to give details of the Paris expenditures," he said. "Wages of hotel employes amounted to \$131,000 and we had to pay for their food. There was another item of \$14,000 for automobiles, which the democrats were over-run with American cars. Confidential expenses of the presidential party were put down at \$17,534. Why should there be confidential expenses of a president to negotiate on the part of the people, a treaty of peace?"

Washington, Feb. 15.—Secretary Houston was notified formally today by the senate judiciary committee that he "should pay out no more money on account of any commitments of loans to foreign countries until the facts have been submitted to this committee and it has had an opportunity to consider the same and report to the senate."

The committee's action was by unanimous vote and was taken on motion of Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, author of a pending resolution to stop all advances by the treasury to the allied governments.

Decision to take immediate and direct action was made by the committee after Senator Brandegee, republican, Connecticut, had informed it that Mr. Houston recently had told the foreign relations committee that he felt in honor bound to make additional advances to the governments for which credits had been established if those governments asked for the money.

Senators Reed and Brandegee said \$37,000,000 additional could be advanced to foreign governments and Senator Reed declared the secretary should be prevented from making any advances while the committee was considering legislation to stop all further loans.

Secretary Houston promised to appear tomorrow and bring all documents referring to loan negotiations with foreign countries.

House to House Soliciting Is Prohibited in Ireland

Cork, Feb. 15.—Street or house-to-house collections of money for any purpose have been prohibited by Major General Sir Edward Strickland, military commander of British forces in Ireland, but it is indicated that permission will be granted in certain cases.

Oversubscription of U. S. Certificates Predicted

Washington, Feb. 15.—More than 100 per cent over subscription of the 3 1/2 per cent treasury certificates maturing July 15, is indicated by preliminary reports. Secretary Houston said tonight. The issue, dated February 15, was for about \$100,000,000, while total subscriptions, he said, aggregate more than \$200,000,000.

The over subscription of this issue, which was at the lowest interest rate for a maturity of more than three months offered by the treasury in nearly a year, was regarded by the secretary as showing that the certificates have become securely established as an investment.

Coolidge Vacation Ends; Returns Home With Wife

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 15.—Vice President-elect Coolidge today ended his vacation and with Mrs. Coolidge left for his home in Northampton, Mass. The vice president-elect spent two weeks here, his first real rest since he was nominated.

The Weather

Forecast. Wednesday much colder; probably rain or snow.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for time and temperature.