

Democratic Leader In House Dies

Champ Clark, Third Oldest Congressman in Point of Service, Is Victim of Pleurisy.

Funeral to Be Saturday

Washington, March 2.—Champ Clark died here today at 2:10 p. m. in his 71st year and within two days of his retirement from the house of representatives, after a service of 20 years.

Death was due to an attack of pleurisy and a complication of rashes incident to his advanced age. Up to 10 days ago, however, when he developed a severe cold, Mr. Clark had shared actively in proceedings of the house as democratic leader.

Immediately after the death of Mr. Clark was announced, the house recessed for 30 minutes. Representative Kucker, democrat, Missouri, who made the announcement, said it was Mr. Clark's wish, as expressed through his son, that there be no interruption of congress in its closing days.

Tentative arrangements for the funeral of Champ Clark, democratic leader of the house, provide for services at 10:30 a. m. Saturday in the chamber of the house of representatives.

Last Thoughts of Congress.

To his last conscious moments, the former speaker's mind was engaged with memories of his long legislative career. Just before he lapsed into final unconsciousness early today those at his bedside heard him whisper: "The question is on the adoption of the conference report."

At Mr. Clark's bedside when the end came were Mrs. Clark, their son, Bennet Clark, and their daughter, Mrs. James M. Thomson of New Orleans. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but the body probably will be sent to the old home in Bowling Green, Mo.

Votes Gives Widow \$9,000.

Immediately on reconvening after the 30-minute recess, the house adopted a resolution providing for the payment to Mrs. Clark of a year's salary, totalling about \$9,000. Members of Mr. Clark's family left the funeral arrangements to congressional leaders, who expressed the wish to have services Saturday in the rotunda of the capitol before sending the body to Bowling Green for burial.

A large delegation of representatives and senators will accompany the body to that place.

At 15 Clark started teaching school and at 17 he had a class of 40 pupils, most of whom were grown men who had served in the army and upon their return were anxious to master the mysteries of the three R's.

He entered Kentucky University in the fall when he had reached the age of 17, teaching school, working as a hired man on a farm, clerking in a country store and parting his hair in the middle to attract trade, he managed to make buckle and tongue neck.

In the fall of that year Clark went to Bethany, W. Va., where he entered the school founded by Alexander Campbell, the founder of the church variously known as the Disciples.

One-Man Control of U. S. Merchant Fleet Urged by Committee

Washington, March 2.—Administration of the government's merchant fleet by one executive instead of by a seven-member board, is recommended by the Walsh committee, which reported today to the house of its 15-months' investigation of the operations of the shipping board.

The report was unanimous. The report reviewed the shipbuilding activities of the government, with the conclusion that "considering the program as a whole, the accomplishments, in the number of ships constructed, the tonnage secured, and the time within which ships completed, constitute the most remarkable achievement in shipbuilding that the world has ever seen."

The committee declared it had found no evidence to prove dishonest or fraudulent motives actuated any member of the shipping board or any of the trustees of the emergency fleet corporation.

Blackmail Plot Against Milwaukee Woman Revealed

Milwaukee, March 2.—A blackmail plot to extort \$50,000 from Mrs. Ferdinand Schleisinger, reputed to be Wisconsin's wealthiest woman, was revealed today.

Threats were made in letters and telephone calls that unless immediate payment was made, her two sons would be killed and eventually a bomb would be laid at the door of her home.

Private detectives are guarding the members of the family.

Lever Act Cases Fired

Washington, March 2.—Attorney General Palmer telegraphed all special attorneys in charge of Lever act prosecutions, relieving them of their appointments, effective March 3.

Confirms Appointments

Washington, March 2.—The nomination of Brig. Gen. Frank McIntyre to be chief of the War department bureau of inland affairs was confirmed by the senate in open session. The nominations of several hundred majors, lieutenant colonels, and colonels also were confirmed.

Democratic Leader Succumbs to Illness



Bryan Swerved State Vote From Clark in 1912

Death of Former Speaker of House Recalls Intimate Linking With Nebraska In Campaign.

The death of Champ Clark recalls the intimate linking of Nebraska—and particularly one Nebraskan—with the climax of Clark's political career, at once its climax and its anti-climax.

Champ Clark won the preference vote of Nebraska democrats in the presidential primary of 1912, the first presidential primary ever held in the state.

Although he was the only leading candidate who did not personally canvass the state, he received a large plurality of the popular vote, carrying the state at large and every congressional district except the Second and Third.

Clark Led Field. He thus held 12 of the state's 16 delegates at the Baltimore convention of that year.

With the first ballot at Baltimore Champ Clark led the democratic field. On the 19th ballot he won a majority over all his opponents.

The democratic convention rules required that the nominee receive a two-thirds vote to win instead of a mere majority, but not in 78 years had that rule operated to defeat the winner of a majority.

In every case attainment of a majority had been effected by the winning of the normal two-thirds.

Makes Minor Gains. It was not so with Champ Clark in 1912. For nine ballots he held his majority, making some minor gains. Then came a bolt from the blue.

William J. Bryan, leading Nebraskan's delegation and instructed by Nebraska democrats to vote for Clark, turned from him and led a majority of the state delegation to Woodrow Wilson.

Bryan made a sensational speech, charged that Clark had the support of Wall street and the bosses subservient to "big business."

Wilson Triumphs. This made him unavailable, Bryan declared, to become the candidate of the democratic party.

The convention was thrown into a tumult. Enough other delegates followed Nebraska's lead to imperil Clark's majority. The convention adjourned over Sunday and finally remained in session for a week.

Eventually Clark's strength was destroyed and Woodrow Wilson finally triumphed.

American Federation To Sever Relations With World Trade Unions

Washington, D. C., March 2.—Severance of all relationship with the international federation of trade unions was practically decided on today by the American Federation of Labor's executive council, but final action was withheld until tomorrow.

The declaration of the American Federation on the proposed separation as considered by the executive council is understood to assert that the American labor cannot remain affiliated with the European organization because of "its revolutionary activities" and because it had failed to "recognize the national autonomy of each trade union center."

The council is understood to have agreed that the federation cannot be brought under the domination of an organization that advocates use of revolutionary violence.

Counselor for Mormon Leader Dies in Salt Lake

Salt Lake City, March 2.—Anthon H. Lund, first counselor to President Heber J. Grant of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, died today. He was 76 years old. He was born in Aalborg, Denmark, and came to this country in 1862.

Harry Pilcer to Open Exclusive Dance Hall In Honor of Gaby Deslys

Paris, March 2.—The Gaby Deslys theater will be opened by Harry Pilcer in the former theater cadet Rodelle this summer. It will be the most exclusive theater and dance palace in Paris. Speaking of it Pilcer said: "It is to be the most fitting monument to the memory of Gaby and it is conceivable that her spirit will preside at all performances."

Harding to Waste Time on Job

President-Elect to Meet Senator Knox Upon Arrival in Washington Late Today From Marion.

Other Conferences Soon

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leasee Writ. Washington, D. C., March 2.—With plans complete for the simplest inauguration in the memory of the oldest inhabitants, President-elect Harding will reach Washington tomorrow afternoon and lose no time in tackling his big job.

The first conference he will hold after his arrival will be with Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, chairman of the inaugural committee and one of the closest advisers of the new president. Senator Knox will frame the resolution restoring peace with Germany, which Mr. Harding is understood to desire congress to adopt at one of the first constructive acts of his administration.

Chairman Penrose of the senate finance committee and Chairman Fordney of the house committee on ways and means have received telegrams from Senator Harding, stating that he desires to consult them and other members of the committee on tariff and tax legislation as soon after March 1, as is convenient to them.

Other Conferences Planned. Other leaders in both houses have received similar communications from the president-elect, indicating his desire to lose no time in shaping the policies of his administration in collaboration with the legislative branch of the government. This has been a refreshing experience for legislators accustomed to the aloofness of the executive during the last eight years and is regarded as proof of the assertion of Mr. Harding that his will be no "one man administration."

The month intervening between the inauguration and the assembling of the 67th congress will be devoted by Mr. Harding to consideration, not only of policies, but the selection of important officials of the administration, including ambassadors, a number of whom are to be named within the next fortnight.

Ahead of the president-elect several more members of the new cabinet reached Washington today, all of them eager to get in touch with the work of the departments they are to direct, beginning next Saturday. Among the first to arrive was Edwin Denby of Michigan, who will be the secretary of the navy. Secretary Daniels was on the lookout for his successor, who called at the secretary's office shortly after 10 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Daniels greeted

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Gompers to Probe Jap Labor Tangle

Investigation Is Ordered by Executive Committee of A. F. L.

Washington, March 2.—By direction of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, now in session here, President Samuel Gompers here to investigate the whole Japanese and oriental industrial and labor problem with a view to determining whether the restrictions imposed upon American workers and capital in the far east are not more onerous than those imposed in this country on orientals.

Union officials said today they had received information that the land and immigration laws in Japan were more restrictive than those in America and that American laborers seeking employment in the orient were compelled by law to give up trade secrets.

Danville, Ill., March 2.—Mrs. Sadie E. Harrington, who fasted 47 days in an effort to cause her husband, E. S. Harrington, to join her church, is apparently suffering from mental trouble, her physician announced last night. For three weeks she has been in a stupor most of the time and appears to be gradually growing weaker.

Batum Is Evacuated By Allied Traders

Constantinople, March 2.—(By The Associated Press.)—Batum is being evacuated by allied traders and bankers, and by some refugees who reached that city from Tiflis. Russian bolshevik troops in large numbers are invading Georgia from all directions, it is said in dispatches received here.

The Ninth soviet army has crossed the Kodor river, which flows into the Black sea southeast of Sukhunkale, and is driving Georgian troops southward toward Poti.

Woolworth Store at Denver Badly Damaged by Fire

Denver, Colo., March 2.—Fire of undetermined origin broke out in the F. W. Woolworth & Co. department store at Sixteenth and Champa streets here this morning and destroyed stock and fixtures estimated to be worth \$100,000. The store is in the center of the downtown district. Other buildings were unharmed.

Oregon Senate Passes Anti-Alien Land Bill

Olympia, Wash., March 2.—The state senate passed the anti-alien bill, which prohibits aliens not eligible to citizenship from owning or leasing land in the state, and prohibits all persons from engaging in land deals with such aliens.

The measure, already passed by the house, now goes to the governor.

Contractors Discuss Building Conditions

Chicago, March 2.—Steps for the revival of building in the United States were discussed at a meeting here of the National Federation of Construction Industries. Stabilization of material prices and improved industrial relations were the chief topics.

The Walsh committee waiting policy of the building program will be discarded April 1 for one of "hurry and build," according to some members of the conference. It was emphasized, however, that prices could not return to the 1914 price basis.

A message from President-elect Harding promising federal support of the movement to revive the building industry was read to the convention.

Tampering With Jury Is Alleged In Murder Trial

Court Enjoins Attendants From Making Remarks in Hearing of Men Who Will Decide Lawson's Fate.

Attempts to tamper with the jury in the Lawson murder trial were reported to Judge Troup by the jurors themselves, the judge made known to the packed courtroom, at the close of yesterday afternoon's session.

"There's room in the county jail for this jury," he warned those present. "I charge every one present in this room not to make remarks or comment on this case in the presence or hearing of these jurymen, even when they pass in the halls," the judge ordered.

He instructed the jurymen to be prepared to identify violators of this injunction.

The jurors told the judge many remarks related to influence them had been directed at them in going in and out of the courtroom.

Judge Troup voiced the wish of counsel on both sides to have the rules enforced.

Victim's Sister Star Witness. Eulalia Wortsmit, sister of the dead Mrs. Jeanette Lawson, was put on the stand by Prosecuting Attorney Shotwell as star witness for the state, when court opened for the afternoon session.

A tiny figure in black, her palor emphasized by the deep mourning she wore, the girl gave a dramatic recital of the quarrel between Burrell Lawson and his wife, his threats when the two girls announced they would leave him, and his calm demeanor after the shooting.

Twice only did her voice break as she repeated the sister's plea to Lawson not to shoot her, and when she related how she leaped to her sister as the body reeled down the stairs, a bullet in her forehead.

Struggles for Composure. The fall of a pin could be heard in the hushed courtroom as the girl struggled for composure.

In marked contrast was her fiery attitude when Eugene O'Sullivan, attorney for the defense, trained his gaze on her, and cross-examination. She denied, with spirit, specific instances of theft, forgery and previous immorality with which she charged her. Clear and sharp, her retorts rang through the court.

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Truckload of Papers On Loans Delivered To Senate Committee

Washington, March 2.—Six big boxes loaded with photostatic copies of treasury correspondence on foreign loans were delivered to the senate judiciary committee when investigation of the transactions was resumed with Assistant Secretary Nicholas Kelley, in charge of foreign loans, in attendance.

"All the documents are here," Mr. Kelley said, pointing to the boxes and referring to the committee's resolution yesterday, directing that the correspondence be produced.

"Why have you not selected the papers and put them in order?" demanded Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri. "I believe this mass of papers was deliberately brought here to make our task more difficult."

16 Men Will Seek Release From Leavenworth Prison

Leavenworth, Kan., March 2.—Application for writs of habeas corpus for 16 men serving in the federal penitentiary here for violation of the Volstead act will be filed in the United States district court at Topeka, it was announced today by United States Commissioner Bond, attorney for the men.

Under rulings of several federal courts the maximum penalty for violation of the act is six months in the county jail, according to Bond.

Announce Candidates For Military Academy

Washington, D. C., March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The War department announced that on the recommendation of Senator Hitchcock the following named candidates have been designated for the military academy entrance examination being held this month: John S. Fisher, Beatrice; Wayne I. Moore, first alternate; Nelson; Earl W. Barnes, Crawford, second alternate.

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Letting Him In On It



Allies Refuse to Discuss German Reparation Plan

Supreme Council Prepares Notice Saying League As Ready to Enforce Payment of War Obligations.

London, March 2.—(By The Associated Press.)—Notice to Germany that its reparation proposal, would not be discussed and that the allies were ready to enforce the payment of German obligations was in preparation today by the committee of the supreme council appointed to frame a reply.

Instructions given this committee were in substance: First—The allied governments decline to discuss proposals advanced with evident bad faith.

Second—Germany shall be reminded of its various violations of the peace treaty.

Third—The German government shall be informed of immediate steps the allies are determined to take in beginning to enforce the collection of Germany's obligations.

No Advance Intimated. No indication that the allies intend to occupy additional German territory at present appears in the instructions given by the allied leaders to this committee, which is framing a reply to the German reparations proposals made Tuesday.

Belief was expressed in several quarters that the Germans have not spoken their last word relative to the reparation terms fixed by the supreme council at Paris.

Papers Score Offer. This morning's newspapers were unanimous in declaring the German offer yesterday of the equivalent of \$7,500,000,000 in reparations was wholly inadequate. "Impudent," "ludicrous," "fantastic" and "grotesque" were some of the adjectives the principal newspapers used in commenting on the German terms. In the pacifist Daily News it confessed it was at a loss to understand the German mentality.

"It is not easy to speak with patience of this combination of business cunning, chicanery and sheer impudence," asserted the London Times. "Doubtless the German delegates are armed with a whole series of successive schemes, each giving a little more than its predecessor. But when its bluff is called it will abandon it."

The Daily Telegraph declared nobody was prepared for such a "fantastic" offer, and adds: "Great Britain must support France whether naval action or economic pressure should be decided upon."

Newspapers Score Reparation Plan

Paris, March 2.—Newspapers of this city are united in declaring that Germany's proposals, submitted to the supreme allied council in London yesterday, were unacceptable.

"Germany's ludicrous offer" appears to sum up the view of the majority of journals in this city and the remark of Premier Lloyd George, "We had better adjourn quickly or we will find we owe them money," finds immense favor.

Premier Briand's newspaper, the Eclair, says: "France hitherto has shown the utmost patience and if Germany compels it to do so it will use its strength remorselessly in full agreement with the allies."

Wilson Signs Diplomatic Bill

Washington, March 2.—President Wilson signed the \$10,500,000 diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, while congress completed and sent to the White House the agricultural bill carrying \$38,000,000.

Revolution Threatens Red Regime

Reports Received in Finland From Russia Disclose Revolt Which May Result in Soviets' Overthrow.

Fighting in Petrograd

By The Associated Press. London, March 2.—Reports from Russia received this morning in Helsinki, Finland, by way of Reval, Estonia, disclose a situation "which may result shortly in the complete overthrow of soviet rule," says the Central News Helsinki correspondent.

Fighting is proceeding in many parts of Russia, with Petrograd and Moscow as the centers of the revolutionary movement, the reports add.

The fighting in Petrograd is of gigantic proportions, according to the reports, for 300,000 strikers are declared to be arrayed against the soviet troops, whose exact number it is impossible to estimate.

Many Killed in Fighting. "It is reliably reported," the dispatch says, "that very many have been killed or wounded on both sides in street fighting and that there has been considerable property damage. The naval garrison at Kronstadt has joined the rebels."

Reports of the revolution in Moscow are meager, doubtless owing to the censorship. One message indicates that large numbers of former officers of the Russian army are leading the insurgents there.

In Petrograd the military cadets, who have been among the most reliable supporters of soviet rule, suffered heavy casualties. Combined forces of laborers and marines, of whom 100 were former service men, attacked the cadets, drove them through the streets to the schools and quickly overwhelmed the cadets. The surviving cadets only obtained shelter when soviet reinforcements were rushed up.

Sangarism Fighting Continues in the streets and also in the neighborhood of Petrograd. The garrison, while participating actively in the fighting, has handed over all its arms and munitions to the rebels. The rebels are holding Vassily-Ostrov (a suburb of Petrograd) and important residential quarters of the city.

In southeast Russia General Dukov (and his brother, leader of the Orenburg Cossacks), with strong forces of Cossacks, is operating successfully in the Orenburg plains, while General Anteeff, who is leading the insurgents in the central, southern and Volga districts, has made a considerable advance, which threatens to cut off communications with Caucasia.

Aurora Banker Found Guilty of Making Fraudulent Report

York, Neb., March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles W. Wentz of Aurora was found guilty in district court here today of making a false report to the state banking commission. Three other counts charging irregularities in his conduct of the American State Bank of Aurora were eliminated during the trial. The jury deliberated 50 minutes.

The count on which Wentz was convicted charged that he did not include a record of a \$3,000 deposit in his report. The certificate, made payable to Wentz, was turned over to the National American Fire Insurance company of Omaha. It was not discovered until after the state had closed the bank and a receiver had been appointed.

The defense claimed that the certificate was not a liability of the bank as it was issued without a consideration. No witnesses were introduced by the defense and Wentz did not testify.

Man Given Life Sentence For Crime Eight Years Ago

Salt Lake City, March 2.—Al Ringling, recently found guilty at Price, Utah, for murder in the second degree in connection with the slaying of John (Frenchy) Bartholomew at Price eight years ago, was sentenced today to life imprisonment. Ringling confessed to the murder of Bartholomew, while being held in jail at Caldwell, Idaho, several months ago, on a charge of attempting to obtain \$40,000 by fraud, telling how the slaying occurred, and what disposition was made of the body.

House Refuses to Accept Report on U. S. Army Losses

Washington, March 2.—Charges of needless sacrifice of the lives of American soldiers on armistice day were stricken from a subcommittee report today by the house war investigating committee after three hours' debate. Representative Johnson, republican, South Dakota, author of the subcommittee report, fought to retain the charges and when unsuccessful, changed his vote to pave the way for reconsideration and final action tomorrow.

Liquor Valued at \$500,000 Seized in New York Garage

New York, March 2.—Liquor valued by federal agents at more than \$500,000 was seized in a raid on an abandoned garage in the Bronx, located a short distance from a police station.

John S. Williams Resigns

Washington, March 2.—John S. Williams, of Pennsylvania, resigned his position as comptroller of the currency. The resignation was accepted by President Wilson, effective tonight.

The Weather

Forecast. Fair and colder Thursday. Hourly Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows for 3 a. m., 6 a. m., 9 a. m., 12 m., 3 p. m., 6 p. m., 9 p. m., 12 noon.

Protect shipments during the next 24 to 48 hours from temperatures as follows: North and west, 25 degrees; east, 30 degrees. Shipments south can be made safely.