

One Soldier Relief Body Is Planned

Consolidation of Government Machinery Under New Executive Officer Agreed To By Commission.

Real Progress is Made

Washington, April 5.—Progress in solving the government's problem caring for ex-service men, whether sick or disabled, is being made today at the first meeting of President Harding's special commission, headed by Charles G. Dawes of Chicago.

It was agreed that the administrative machinery operating separately for soldiers' relief, should be consolidated under one central authority, probably a new executive officer, who would be responsible to the president.

Heads of all soldier relief bureaus said they favored the general idea of a consolidated service bureau. The endorsement, Chairman Dawes said, promised quick solution of the problem as it related to the general administration of aid for men alleged to have suffered under the system of divided governmental responsibility.

Cummings Favors Plan

Among those who expressed general endorsement of the plan were Surgeon General Cummings of the public health service, who said he would be willing to bring his service under the plan, so far as its work with soldiers is concerned; R. H. Hallett, acting director of the war risk bureau, and Uel Lamkin, director of the division of the federal board for vocational education.

Mr. Lamkin also favored placing the public health service completely in charge of the proposed new executive head to the exclusion of all but soldier work.

Brig. Gen. C. E. Sawyer, who appeared as the president's personal representative, declared emphatically that the public health service should be retained as an entity. He was supported by others of his profession. Chairman Dawes, however, expressed the belief that this service could be placed under the one directing head without endangering public health.

Investigation Near End

It was stated authoritatively tonight that the commission would complete its investigation and present its recommendations to President Harding by the week end.

The committee met tonight in executive session to consider testimony heard today.

Dr. T. L. Salmon of the Rockefeller institute told the committee one-half of the government beds were unsuitable for tubercular cases. "We know there are 4,000 such patients," he said, "and 5,000 mental sufferers who are without treatment by the government because they refuse to go into charity and state institutions."

The question of hospital facilities resulted in a request from T. W. Miller, alien property custodian, that Chairman Dawes poll the commission to ascertain whether it favored asking congress to increase its last appropriation of \$18,600,000 and provide a permanent hospital building program. The question was unanimously endorsed, with the proviso that the request be made in case the agreement for a consolidated service is incorporated in the final report submitted to President Harding.

Sielcken Estate Is Ordered Returned to Heirs by Daugherty

Washington, April 5.—The attorney general has authorized return to the heirs of Herman Sielcken of New York property valued at approximately \$3,000,000, seized by the alien property custodian during the war. At the same time the return to his widow of her own property, valued at about \$1,000,000, was ordered. Both properties, it was said, consisted mainly of securities.

The seizure of his property was ordered, it was explained, because Sielcken, who was German born, was unable to prove American citizenship. Evidence was produced after his death to show he was naturalized in San Francisco, but lost his citizenship papers when shipwrecked on a voyage from South America.

Heavy Snow Fall in Utah Will Save Fruit Crops

Salt Lake City, April 5.—A 6-inch fall of snow in Salt Lake City and surrounding territory within the last 14 hours will result in increasing Utah's agricultural wealth this year by more than \$1,000,000, J. Cecil Alter, United States meteorologist, declared. He said that the snow would act as a blanket for the young trees tonight, and that the freezing temperature would not affect the buds.

Second Reduction Made in Price of Print Paper

Minneapolis, April 5.—The board of directors of the Minnesota and Ontario Paper company announced today a further reduction of \$17 a ton on news print to publishers.

This concession together with that of \$8 per ton made January 1, reduces the price from \$138, as fixed by contract until July 1, to \$113 per ton for the next three months.

Daugherty Recommends Aid

Washington, April 5.—Attorney General Daugherty has recommended to President Harding the appointment of William D. Riter of Salt Lake City as assistant attorney general, it was announced today.

41 Mutinous Sailors Returned Under Guard

Providence, R. I., April 5.—The steamship, Britannia, due here tomorrow, has aboard 41 men in irons, the alleged mutinous crew of the steamship Manoa. The Manoa was forced into Horta, bound from France to Montreal in February. According to wireless information today from the American consul at Horta, United States mail on the Manoa was rifled during the mutiny.

The radio message added that detailed information concerning the reported revolt was in the hands of the purser of the Britannia, who would turn it over to agents of the federal government.

A force of deputies will take charge of the prisoners on arrival.

Fear Spread of Coal Strike in Great Britain

Railway and Transportation Workers Meet Today—Miners Attack Several Collieries.

London, April 5.—With all coal mining in Great Britain stopped the public is considering tonight whether the paralysis will extend to the railways and other transportation and even among workers generally.

Parliament discussed the situation today without taking any steps. The national transport workers' federation delegates conferred without reaching a decision as to whether to call a strike in support of the miners. The railway men, the transport workers and the miners, will meet separately tomorrow.

The miners took strong measures in several places today against agents protecting their property. A successful attack was made on the guardian of a mine near Edinburgh, Scotland. A thousand miners marched to the pithead of the Ocean Collieries in Rhondda, Wales, and successfully demanded withdrawal of the officials working the pumps. References in several towns have refused applications of strikers for unemployment pay.

Four hundred delegates representing 500,000 workers attended the meeting of the national transport workers' federation today. It is reported they are considering other measures to help the miners as an alternative to striking, one measure being a refusal to transport coal.

Reports of factories closing continue to be published. The attitude of the public and workers seemingly is that this is as good a time as any for thrashing out the vital problem of reduced wages, which the employers contend is necessary if the country is to continue doing business and which workers insist should be accomplished by gradual stages if it cannot be avoided.

The government is concentrating troops in Kensington Gardens in the fashionable west end district, supposedly in connection with plans to maintain order in the event of strike disturbances. Soldiers there are equipped with arms, steel helmets and full war-time paraphernalia.

In rioting at the Hart Hill collieries near Edinburgh, where 500 miners armed with pit props and stones attacked and overwhelmed the police and volunteer pump workers, five policemen and several civilians were injured, while the plant was wrecked and adjacent haystacks set afire. In West Benhar, Scotland, similar scenes occurred. The police were overpowered.

In several other places striking miners forced volunteers to cease work.

Sergeant's Release Was Unconditional, Secretary Weeks Says

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, April 5.—Reports from Germany that the German government had conditioned the release from prison of American army sergeant Zimmer and Neaf, on the promise that Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, American draft dodger, would be no further molested were emphatically denied here today.

Secretary of War Weeks said such a report was nonsense. "There were no conditions whatever to the release of these men," he said. "I know because I have seen copies of all the correspondence with relation to their release and there is nothing of the sort mentioned. Besides this government would not be a party to any such condition."

High Water in Oklahoma Blamed for Train Wreck

Hobart, Okla., April 5.—Rock Island passenger train number 723 was derailed west of Granite today, the train turning over on its side. No one was seriously injured. High waters caused the wreck, it is stated.

How to Play Base Ball

Through a series of articles on the sports page of The Omaha Bee, the greatest star of the national pastime are offering detailed information on how to play various positions on a base ball team.

The articles are especially valuable to amateur players, but every base ball fan in Omaha will enjoy 'em.

Peace Plan Of Harding Confirmed

Outline of Policy in Bee Will Be Program of Administration in Settling War Controversy.

Rivals Monroe Doctrine

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, April 5.—What will be known as the Harding doctrine of American participation in the stabilization of world peace, destined perhaps to rank with the Monroe doctrine as a principle of American policy, constitutes the salient feature of the peace plan the president will present to congress next week, probably in person.

The Harding doctrine will proclaim the United States ready to cooperate with European powers to prevent or suppress any aggression by any nation or combination of nations to disrupt the peace of the world.

The president does not contemplate that the United States will go farther than that in dealing with questions of world peace, for the time being at least. That it will not enter the present league of nations even with such modifications as have been proposed up to date, is certain.

Conference Body Improbable.

Whether there ever will be an association of nations for conference, as suggested by Mr. Harding, remains to be seen. It appears improbable that any effective steps will be taken in that direction unless the European powers should scrap the present league.

The program for re-establishing peace with Germany, Austria and Hungary and for the participation of the United States in the stabilization of world peace will be known as the Harding peace plan, now being formulated by the president in the light of his study of the problem for his months and of the advice of his counselors in the cabinet and in congress.

That part of the plan which pertains to the re-establishment of peace with the central powers is based upon a definite rejection of the Versailles treaty and upon a declaration of peace in a resolution similar to the Knox resolution which is to be drafted according to present intentions, by Secretary of State Hughes. This resolution is intended to embody such changes in the Knox resolution as the president and Secretary Hughes deem necessary to conform to the Harding plan.

The Harding doctrine of American co-operation in the preservation of peace which the president contemplates incorporating in this resolution declaring peace with the central powers, is said to resemble in its essentials the declaration which Senator Knox drafted for inclusion in his resolution.

Confirms Bee's Outline.

Confirming the Bee's outline today of the administration peace program it was stated authoritatively that the president and his advisors are convinced there is no practical way of considering the Versailles covenant as a basis of the American peace program.

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Man Killed by Bull

Golden, Colo., April 5.—Ole Hanson, 67, a resident of Jefferson county for 40 years, was gored to death by an infuriated bull this afternoon while saving the life of Mrs. Burglund, a neighbor. Hanson rushed at the bull with a shovel, but was knocked down and killed. Mrs. Burglund escaped.

Light Vote is Cast in City Primary Election

Polls closed at 8 o'clock last evening on the primary election at which Omaha voters picked 14 candidates for the city commission, seven to be elected in May.

Watchers at the polls generally declared the vote light and interest apparently lacking. A canvass of various precincts indicated that the vote cast exceeded 30,000.

Women voted for the first time. Owing to the long list of candidates—65—the counting of ballots was tedious and no results were available during the early night hours.

Eppley Bid for Nebraska Hotel String Accepted

Receiver Reports Evidence of Criminal Violations by Investment, Hostelry and Securities Firms.

Lincoln, April 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The bid of \$1,000,000 made by Eugene C. Eppley, Sioux City hotel man, for the string of hotels belonging to the Nebraska Hotel company and the Nebraska Hotel and Investment company was accepted by District Judge W. M. Morning this evening. The court instructed W. E. Barkley, who is receiver for the companies, to enter into a contract immediately with Mr. Eppley for the purchase of the properties, which are as follows: Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha; Hotel Columbus, Lincoln; Scottsbluff, Lincoln hotel, Lincoln; Capital hotel site, Lincoln; Lincoln, Franklin; Lincoln, Table Rock.

The \$875,000 bid made by a group of Lincoln financiers was not boosted. It and the Eppley bid were the only ones received. Motions by intervenors against the sale of the properties were overruled by the court. F. E. Schaaf, former president of the company, filed objections to the sale.

Recommendation that a special grand jury in Lancaster county be called to investigate alleged violations of criminal law by directors of the Nebraska Building and Investment company, the Nebraska Hotel company and the Lincoln Securities company was made this afternoon by W. E. Barkley, receiver for the three firms, in all amended report filed in district court here on the condition of these concerns.

In his report yesterday, Barkley charged that these firms never did make money.

In his amended report today Barkley charges he has found evidence of violations of the criminal laws of Nebraska in transactions of the companies through an investigation of the books of the concerns by C. B. Campbell.

These alleged criminal transactions were between the directors of the three companies. Barkley charges, naming Frank E. Schaaf as a member of the board of directors. He asks that a special grand jury be called to investigate the alleged transactions and indict the persons found responsible.

He recommends that special counsel be employed in behalf of the state.

Fisherman Gives Up His Life to Save That of Fellow Companion

San Diego, Cal., April 5.—How John Zaberlin, a fisherman, gave his life for his fellow was told here today by Joseph Vidovich, the man he rescued.

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Viviani Views Our Devastated District



Harding Gives Instructions to Dawes Committee

Tells Board Wants to Know Where Agencies Have Fallen Down; Also Desires Recommendations.

Washington, April 5.—President Harding today asked his special commission, headed by Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, to make "diligent inquiry" of government department heads in an effort to find out just where the government agencies have been "lacking in authority, neglectful or failing" in caring for disabled service men. He also asked that investigation be made of "the abuses which have developed."

Mr. Dawes who called on the president today at the White House, announced that the president's wishes would be carried out to the letter and that the inquiry would not be directed into controversial or extended subjects.

"I have asked you to meet and make an investigation into the administration of the law for caring for the crippled and injured soldiers of the late world war," said the president's statement. "There have been numerous complaints that the government is neglecting the becoming care of these defenders, to whom it owes every consideration, and there is further complaint that there is tardiness in dealing with them and their claims which grew out of their service."

Must Find Cause.

"I should like you to make diligent inquiry of department heads or with those associated with them, in an effort to find out just where the government agencies are in any way lacking in authority, neglectful or failing to carry out what is the unquestioned intent of congress in its enactment of laws, and the making of the Turkish nationalists are advancing in superior numbers. The Greek casualties during the past 10 days on the Eski-Shehr front are estimated at 150 officers, and 4,000 men. Ismet Pasha, Turkish commander at Eski-Shehr, is issuing wireless dispatches comparing the Turkish victory there to the battle of the Marne. He adds in his statements that he was a student of Marshal Joffre.

Greeks Are in Danger Of Losing City of Brusa

Constantinople, April 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—Greek forces in North Asia Minor seem to be in danger of losing Brusa, upon which city the Turkish nationalists are advancing in superior numbers. The Greek casualties during the past 10 days on the Eski-Shehr front are estimated at 150 officers, and 4,000 men. Ismet Pasha, Turkish commander at Eski-Shehr, is issuing wireless dispatches comparing the Turkish victory there to the battle of the Marne. He adds in his statements that he was a student of Marshal Joffre.

Must Stand Fifty Years.

"The regulations adopted at this time are likely to be in effect for a full half century to come. In order to deal justly with these men and carry out a permanent policy it is exceedingly important to start on a firm foundation."

Mr. Dawes told his commission that it was known that "a deplorable situation exists" and that the president and congress were anxious to remedy it.

"The condition exists," he declared, "because of lack of co-ordination among the agencies authorized by the law to care for the soldiers. Something must be accomplished. We will find the remedy and stay in continuous session until we do it. The men on the other side worked at night. This relates to them. Let's cut out the dinners and get down to definite work right now."

Mr. Dawes said the commission's hearings should be concluded by Saturday night and the commission then begin its executive sessions to draft recommendations for submitting to the president.

Language Measure is Endorsed

Bill Providing Penalty for Teaching Modern Foreign Tongue in State Recommended by House.

Lincoln, April 5.—(Special.)—Teaching modern foreign language in any private or public school in the state under the eighth grade is subject to a fine or imprisonment under the terms of Senate File 160 recommended for passage in the lower house today by a vote of 65 to 31.

American League men by the hundreds shouted, whistled and applauded in the galleries when Representative Byrum of Franklin, moved advancement of the bill and spoke in its behalf. For fully five minutes after Byrum concluded his speech, Representative Mellor, acting chairman, waited for someone to speak against the bill. Finally "Alfalfa John" arose to his feet.

"Well, I'll talk then," he said. "Alfalfa John" declared the bill was a slap at the German people. Continuing, he named German generals in the civil war to prove the loyalty of the Teuton in America and declared the Siman law was sufficiently drastic.

Defends Bill.

Before the debate was finished late in the afternoon fully two-thirds of the members had spoken, and approximately 100 members of the legislature determined to maintain a "Little Germany," "Little Italy" and "Little Bohemia" despite any of our laws to the contrary. Speaker W. L. Anderson said: "They care nothing about the spirit of the law and we must literally put a letter in it in the form of a penalty to force it upon them."

Continuing, Anderson pointed to the action of certain factions in going to the supreme court in attempting to knock out the Siman language law to prove, he declared, that they cared nothing for the spirit of the law. "If they want pure English in this country let's force them to put English labels on drugs so rain-water won't sell at 65 cents a bottle." Representative Beans shouted in his second speech of the session. Beans voted against the bill.

Religious Services Not Affected.

An amendment by Byrum cutting out a provision permitting private tutors to teach modern languages carried. Religious services at the only public meetings which may be conducted in a foreign language under the bill recommended for passage.

Originally, Senate File 160, introduced by Senator Norval, would have put the Siman law in the discard. When the senate finished with it.

Cubans Appeal to U. S. To Control Country During New Election

Washington, D. C., April 5.—Formal appeal for the establishment by the United States of a temporary supervisory government in Cuba to provide new general elections was made to the state department by Dr. Rafael Angulo, chairman of the committee of liberals, in the interest of Jose Miguel Gomez, defeated liberal candidate for the presidency of Cuba. The appeal asked that the provisional government be headed either by a Cuban or an American as governor general.

Department officials assured Dr. Angulo that the appeal would be taken under consideration.

The department also has received a protest from the Veterans association of Cuba against the Gomez appeal.

Record Grain Shipment Reported in Minneapolis

Minneapolis, Minn., April 5.—Minneapolis terminals now are plentifully supplied with railroad equipment and the movement of grain from local elevators to consuming points is the largest on record for the present crop. The Minneapolis traffic association announced. Elevator stocks are being reduced at the rate of nearly 1,000,000 bushels a week. Stocks on April 2 totaled 16,840,023 bushels.

Fruit Growers From Every State Meet in Chicago

Chicago, April 5.—More than 200 delegates representing every state and fruit growing locality in the country were here today attending the meeting of the fruit growers association.

The principal business was discussion on a resolution which proposes that a committee of 21 should investigate marketing and transportation problems and the cultivation of fruit.

Angered at Mother, Youth Kills Self in Michigan

Pontiac, Mich., April 5.—Angered because his mother refused to hasten preparations for breakfast in order that he might engage in a ball game, Kermit Brown, 11, son of Fred Brown of Pontiac, shot and killed himself with a shotgun.

Bonus Given Wisconsin Soldiers Outside State

Madison, Wis., April 5.—The 2000 Wisconsin soldier coters who registered outside the state will receive the cash bonus of \$10 each for each month in the service as a result of the decision of the supreme court today.

The Weather

Rain and colder Wednesday. Hourly temperatures.

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