

Reparation Problem Up In Senate

Senator Sterling of South Dakota Introduces Amendment To Knox Resolution Declaring Separate Peace.

Plan Action Saturday

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING, Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, April 28.—While Secretary of State Hughes continued his discussion of the German counter proposals with London and Paris today, the reparation question was unexpectedly injected into the consideration by the senate of the Knox resolution declaring peace with the central powers.

Senator Sterling of South Dakota, republican, drafted an amendment declaring that the action of the United States in restoring peace in this manner shall not be construed as prejudicial to the position of the allies in their exactation of reparations from Germany. His amendment provides: "That this repeal of the Knox resolution of April 6, 1917, (the declaration of war with Germany) shall not be construed as in any manner affecting the rights of our allies or of them under the terms of the treaty of Versailles, or as in derogation of the justice of claims made under said treaty for reparations and indemnities against the German government."

Senator Sterling, having been promised the support of nearly all the democrats and some republicans, is confident his amendment will be adopted. Senator Knox sought to dissuade Senator Sterling from offering the amendment, asserting that it is not germane to the peace resolution and that it is unwise to drag the reparations controversy into the question before the senate.

May Go to President. The fate of the amendment may be determined by the president. If it should be opposed by the administration it probably will be defeated.

The senate is scheduled to pass the amendment Saturday and Senator Knox left for Pennsylvania tonight without having spoken in support of his measure. He and many other republicans said they would leave the talking "to those who favor continuing the state of war."

Senator Nelson of Minnesota, republican, attacked the Knox resolution as likely to encourage Germany in its resistance of making reparations. Senator Underwood, democratic leader, asserted the Knox resolution, in effect, "means that we abandon our allies and that we refuse to help them enforce reparations."

Not only are we compromising our allies, but we are compromising our own people and our own honor," said Senator Underwood.

Critical Hour in Europe. "The critical hour has struck in Europe as to whether peace will continue or Europe will go back to war again. By the passage of this resolution the restraining hand of America is removed and we know not what the effect will be. We know, however, that we have sacrificed 100,000 American lives and have heard it said over and over again that this war would have been fought in vain if it did not forever end wars."

The Washington government maintained silence on all developments. (Turn to Page Two, Column Five.)

Howat Defies Orders Of Union President

Pittsburg, Kan., April 28.—Alexander Howat, head of the Kansas miners union, has rejected the demand of the international union that he not back up work the striking employees of the Dean Coal and Mining company. The demand was delivered to Howat yesterday by the committee of the international executive board, sent here by John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers of America to investigate the strike.

The use of a loading machine by the Dean company without working the day men employed at the mines, Howat said, was an absolute violation of the custom and the Kansas union would not agree to it. The operators contend that under the contract the company had a right to use the machine while day men were idle.

Fairbury Woman Attempts Suicide After Quarrel

Fairbury, Neb., April 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Marion Kilgore of this city is in a critical condition after an attempt at suicide. She and her husband quarrelled two months ago and he left home, but remained in town. Wednesday evening they met on the street and resumed the quarrel. When they separated she threatened to kill herself. Two hours later officers forced her entrance to her home and found her unconscious. In her hand she held an empty bottle of poison. Physicians say she may recover.

Minnesota Banker Named On Federal Reserve Board

Washington, April 28.—President Harding today sent to the senate the name of John H. Mitchell, St. Paul banker, to be a member of the federal reserve board representing the middlewest. Mr. Mitchell had been considered for the post for some time, along with other midwestern bankers. Mr. Mitchell was finally selected and, in the event of the retirement from the board of Governor W. P. G. Harding, stands a good chance of being made governor of the board. Mr. Mitchell will take the place of D. C. Willis, resigned.

Appropriations By Legislature For Biennium Total \$29,000,000

All But About \$6,000,000 Will Be Raised By Taxation—Increase in Budget Over That of 1919 Is Over \$2,000,000.

Lincoln, April 28.—(Special.)—Appropriations made by the 1921 session of the legislature will total about \$29,000,000, according to a compilation prepared by Finance Secretary Phil Bross. Of this sum all but about \$6,000,000 will be raised by taxation. The remainder of the appropriations will be realized from licenses, cash fund receipts and miscellaneous sources.

In 1919 the legislature appropriated a total of \$26,900,000 for the biennium period. The increase is over \$2,000,000. The total in the official tabulation is \$28,923,652. This includes not only the regular appropriation for a full biennium period, but also for an extra three months due to the fact that the state fiscal year was changed by the legislature to begin July 1, instead of April 1, and the new biennium will start on that date.

Japanese Papers Speculate Upon Mission of Wood

Some Writers Express Opinion That Trip Includes Study Of Colonial Problems In Pacific.

By The Associated Press. Tokio, April 28.—Passage of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood through Japan on his way to the Philippines, in addition to evoking words of welcome from the press, has inspired speculation by the newspapers as to how far his mission is concerned with military matters. Some editorial writers are confident that it includes the study of colonial problems in the Pacific, with the probable effect that independence for the Philippines would have on the colonies of Great Britain, France and Holland.

Yomi Uri Shimbun declares that if the defenses of the Philippines are increased, it might be interpreted as an indirect menace to Japan's interests in China. This, it argues, would be certain to furnish an argument for the Japanese military expansionists and it urges a special agreement between Japan and the United States over the Philippines as the best way of removing America's suspicions of Japan.

General Wood's return visit, it thinks, should be utilized for the reaching of an accord on the problem of the Pacific.

In a statement from the naval authorities, it is declared that the navy does not expect to control the islands under Japanese mandate. No change is to be made in the administration for the current year because the appropriation will not permit of additional outlay, but after this year, it is stated, naval garrisons will be withdrawn and simultaneously the wireless installations will be transferred to the civil administration.

Mining Suit of 7 Years' Standing Is Dismissed

Duluth, April 28.—Litigation of seven years' standing came to an end in a federal court today when a stipulation of dismissal was filed in the suit brought by H. J. Kruse of Crow Wing county against C. D. Tripp of Chicago, asking \$219,744.31 damages for alleged conspiracy and fraud growing out of a mining deal. Kruse and Tripp, according to the complaint went into partnership in 1913 and obtained the surface and mineral rights of land in Crow Wing county. The latter made arrangements with two concerns there which he received more than \$200,000 in royalties of which Kruse knew nothing, the latter charged.

Grand Opera Star to Wed New York Man in California

Santa Cruz, Cal., April 28.—A marriage license was issued here for Alice Gentile, grand opera singer, and Jacob R. Probstel, a native of Oregon. Both gave New York City as their place of residence. The marriage will take place tomorrow. Mrs. Gentile was granted a final decree of divorce here Monday from Robert Bruce Gentile, on grounds of desertion. The case was not contested by Gentile.

Escaped Convict With 99 Years to Serve, Surrenders

McAlister, Okl., April 28.—Virgil Smith, who escaped from the Oklahoma penitentiary July 28, 1920, while serving a 99-year sentence for a statutory crime, re-entered the prison here today after voluntarily surrendering to officers at El Paso, Tex. Smith said he surrendered to please his mother, according to prison officials.

Man Blames Spinsters For His Being Single; Refuses to Pay Tax

Great Falls, Mont., April 28.—Declaring that "spinsters are responsible for my not being married, in their refusals of my wooing in the past, William Atzinger, 35, a member of the board of directors of the Montana state fair, notified the assessors of Chouteau county that he will refuse to pay the poll tax of \$3 levied by the last legislature upon bachelors.

Sidney Garage and 23 Cars Burn; Loss About \$30,000

Sidney, Neb., April 28.—(Special Telegram.)—A spectacular fire at 2 this morning destroyed the Buckner and Dunlavy garage containing 23 automobiles and trucks. The loss is estimated at \$30,000, covered by \$35,000 insurance. O. R. Owens was owner of the building.

Nebraskans in Capital.

Washington, D. C., April 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank A. Beg and Herman J. Krause of Alliance are in Washington on income tax matters. William Estill, of Walthill, Neb., is in the city for a few days.

U. S. Fleet Pays Honor To Harding

President Harding's Sea Service For First Time Since Inaugural. Over 60 Vessels in Line

By The Associated Press. Old Point Comfort, Va., April 28.—The Atlantic fleet, bringing back a new record for accomplishments from its southern drill ground, passed in ceremonial review before President Harding today as it entered home waters in Hampton Roads.

More than 60 ships of war, led by the flagship Pennsylvania, were in the long column that filed by to pay a commander-in-chief's honors to the president as he stood with Secretary Denby and a party of officials on the bridge of his yacht, the Mayflower.

A low cloud curtain screened the sunlight from the pageant, softening the grim lines of deck and turret. The fleet wore the serious gray now used in peace and war alike.

President on Yacht. It was a few minutes past 9 o'clock when the Pennsylvania, passing the reviewing ship, opened up the thunder of her presidential salute, and before the 21 guns had been spent the next ship in line took up the firing, while the Mayflower's batteries spoke in acknowledgment. The cannonade continued in almost unbroken roar until the review was over.

Crews of the battleships manned the rails in living walls of blue as the fighting craft steamed by. On the quarter deck of each the marine guards snapped to "present arms" opposite the Mayflower, and the bands played the opening bars of the Star Spangled Banner. In return the presidential yacht paid the proper honors to the senior officer on each passing ship, firing a salute, however, only to the Pennsylvania.

Harding's First Review. "There is, in my opinion, a very strong sentiment in the country in favor of action looking to an international agreement or understanding relative to the limitation of armaments," said Mr. Mendell. "It is very evident that the sentiment in favor of securing such an agreement, if possible, is very strong in the house."

Favors Early Conference. "It is my hope and expectation that in the no distant future, and I trust before the close of the present session, action may be taken looking to providing for the consideration of the question of the reduction of armaments."

Following the Pennsylvania came the battleships Oklahoma, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Florida, Delaware, North Dakota, Michigan, South Carolina and Connecticut, the Utah flying the flag of Vice Admiral H. P. Jones, commanding the battleship force. Close behind the battleships were the tender Blackhawk leading three divisions of six destroyers each and 13 submarines of the O and K classes. They were followed by a number of mine force vessels and ships of the supply train, headed by the cruiser Columbia, flagship of the fleet.

On the submarines a little group of negroes in deck chairs almost awash took rigidly at attention as the submarines slipped by the reviewing party.

Jeffers Assists in War Scandal Probe

Washington, D. C., April 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Jeffers, whose work on the special committee to investigate war expenditures in the last congress attracted so much favorable comment throughout the country, has been closeted for several days with officials of the Department of Justice going over the testimony taken by the committee with special reference to the purchase of rubber goods and harness during the war.

While Mr. Jeffers refused to say what action, if any, the department contemplated, he did say that some of the officials were of the opinion that gross irregularities had been committed and that an effort should be made to bring the offenders to justice.

Bill to Permit Liquor Sales on Steamers Introduced

Washington, April 28.—Sale of liquor on passenger steamers of American and foreign registry beyond the three-mile limit would be authorized under a bill introduced by Representative Edmonds, republican, New Jersey.

The fight for liquor aboard such ships was before the house judiciary committee last session, but the bill was not reported. Chairman Benson of the shipping board advocated modification of the law to permit American passenger steamers to compete with foreign vessels not restricted by prohibition regulations.

Opera Singer Weds.

Santa Cruz, Cal., April 28.—Alice Gentile, operatic singer, and Jacob R. Probstel, secretary of a musical bureau of New York City, were married here today, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Irving B. Bristol, a Methodist minister. The couple left for Los Angeles on their honeymoon.

Illinois Votes to Pass On Soldier Bonus in 1922

Springfield, Ill., April 28.—The Illinois senate passed the soldier bonus bill today. The people will vote in 1922 on a \$55,000,000 bond issue to pay bonuses of \$15 a month for each month of military service with a maximum of \$300.

Well-Known Musician Dies.

Portland, Ore., April 28.—Joel B. Ettinger, Portland business man and band leader, died today. While living in Pennsylvania 12 years ago, he was director and soloist of several bands. With 80 Indians from Carlisle school, he toured Europe and gave concerts at the Buffalo exposition.

Hoskins Bank Cashier Held in Jail at Wayne

Hoskins, Neb., April 28.—(Special Telegram.)—H. H. Barge, cashier of the Farmers State bank here, is in jail at Wayne. The county attorney says that no charges have been placed against him yet. The bank was closed by the state examiner last Saturday morning.

Committee Clerk Named.

Washington, D. C., April 28.—(Special Telegram.)—George A. Carrico of Hastings has been appointed clerk to the committee on election of president, vice president and representatives in congress, of which Congressman Anderson is chairman.

Hermit Leaves Fortune

An amazing story has been revealed in the death of Calvin Amory Stevens. Stevens, a millionaire lived as a recluse while his wife and daughter lived in a mansion in Brooklyn. It is estimated he left a \$15,000,000 estate. A few days before his death, his daughter, Katherine, eloped with Richard Pagan, 20, Dartmouth student. Mrs. Pagan is 18. The illustration shows Mrs. Jessie I. Stevens, his widow, his daughter, Katherine, and Calvin Stevens de Sousa, 5-year-old grandson who are expected to share in the fortune.



Mrs. Jessie I. Stevens. Mrs. Katherine Pagan. Calvin Stevens de Sousa.

900 Germans to Be Put on Trial For War Crimes

Seven Judges Will Sit as Court and Will First Hear Witnesses Against Minor Offenders.

Berlin, April 28.—Nine hundred Germans, whose punishment has been demanded by the entente for war crimes will face trial at Leipzig beginning May 23. Seven judges will sit as the court and will first hear witnesses against minor offenders.

The trials of Non-Commissioned Officers being charged with abusing prisoners; Captain Mueller, commander at the prison camp at Flavelle-Martel and Private Neuman, who is alleged to have maltreated prisoners at the prison camp at Pommernsorf, will be the first to be tried. Forty-seven witnesses have been called from England to testify in the first three cases.

The minister of justice yesterday declared: "Only men charged with the commission of specific crimes will be tried at first. We have made every possible effort to insure a fair and impartial hearing. The British, French and Belgian governments will have representatives at the trials, but Germany will conduct the prosecution and the defense. I am able to declare positively that political or other undesirable interests will not be allowed to influence the proceedings."

Rail Crafts to Prepare Uniform Set of Rules

Chicago, April 28.—A meeting of the general chairmen of the railroad shop crafts will be held here Monday and Tuesday to draw up a uniform set of rules which the unions will advocate in place of the national agreements, which have been ordered abrogated by the railroad labor board, effective July 1. The rules will be presented to the railroads by negotiating committees representing the crafts on each road.

A committee of 100 shop craft men, now is working on these rules, which will be offered as a basis for all negotiations with the railroads, various changes being made to meet local conditions.

Passengers Badly Shaken When Train Is Derailed

Altoona, Pa., April 28.—Pennsylvania railroad passenger train No. 64, known as the New York express, was derailed late tonight at Bennington, 10 miles west of this city. No passengers were killed or seriously injured, but several of them were badly shaken up. The engineer was hurt and the fireman is missing.

Hebron Man Dismissed on Charge of Breaking Dry Law

Hebron, Neb., April 28.—(Special.)—Harry Bayne was dismissed at his preliminary hearing on charges of manufacturing and selling intoxicating liquor. The court held that the evidence was insufficient. The hearing of William Risor, on whose farm still was found, will be May 5.

Will Give Opera to Start Fund for Community House

Cozad, Neb., April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—"Polished Pebbles," an opera with a cast of 45 local persons, will be given at the Rialto theater here Friday night, April 29. The proceeds will be given to start a fund for the erection of a community house.

House Immigration Bill Delayed in Reaching Senate

Washington, April 28.—Prospects that the immigration restriction bill passed by the house last week, would reach the president's hands this week vanished when the senate immigration committee adjourned without action, to meet again Friday.

Senate Committee Acts Favorably on Tariff Act

Washington, April 28.—The emergency tariff bill designed for the relief of the farmers and to check dumping of foreign goods, was ordered favorably reported today by the senate finance committee.

Censorship Vetoed by Governor

Danger of Additional Agencies Of Government Pointed Out By McKelvie in Explaining His Act.

Legislature Adjourns

Lincoln, April 28.—(Special.)—Nebraska's motion picture censorship bill, passed by the legislature last night, was vetoed by Governor McKelvie at noon today.

The state legislature adjourned at 11 today sine die, establishing a record in Nebraska for length of time consumed.

Today marked the 91st day of the session for the lower house and the 83d day for the senate.

With his veto on the censorship bill the governor issued a lengthy statement on his reasons for so doing.

Declines New Agencies. "I wish to refer to the danger," said this statement, "that lurks in the creation of additional boards and agencies of government, the need for which is doubtful and taxation for which is ever increasing."

"I wish to point out the fruitful field of discussion, discontent and resentment that is developing in the public mind by this sort of regulatory legislation.

But these are minor points when compared to the larger theory of free government which is our fundamental law which we have always cherished and believed in.

Movies Not Alone. "The same criticism made against motion pictures in things they portray, might also be made of the legitimate stage, the most popular books of fiction and the press.

"Murder, manslaughter, homicide, burglary, offenses against women, fraud, embezzlement, marital infidelity, divorce and every other crime is told and retold in the columns of the daily press, but I venture the assertion that it would be a very small minority of our people who would favor censorship of this character of news.

"Censorship, then, it is not consistent to censor motion pictures unless you censor the press, and motion picture censorship is the first step toward censorship of the press.

Cites Better Remedy. "There is a finer remedy for these ills than by state laws. It is the law of personal control, with embodying strength of character, moral rectitude, the belief in an infinite God, temperance of action, tolerance for the rights of others and the precepts of the Golden Rule.

"I do not question the justice of criticism of the influences some pictures have upon children.

"The obligations of keeping these pictures from the children lies upon the parents.

Four Irishmen Are Executed at Cork

Cork, April 28.—Four men convicted of making war against British crown forces were executed by a firing squad at the military barracks here this morning. They were Patrick O'Sullivan, Maurice Moore, Patrick Ronayne and Thomas Mulcahy.

Moore and O'Sullivan were convicted of leaving war and attacking British crown forces at Clonmult, County Cork, February 20. Mulcahy and Ronayne were convicted of a similar offense committed near Mourne Abbey, February 15.

This makes a total of 11 men executed here during the last few months.

Slayer of Mail Clerk Gets 25-Year Sentence

Minneapolis, April 28.—Delbert Smith, 19 years of age, was sentenced that he robbed a Northern Pacific mail car near Little Falls, Minn., February 18 and fatally wounded Z. E. Strong, a mail clerk, was sentenced to 25 years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., by Judge Morris in federal court today.

Smith was taken to prison tonight. This makes a total of 11 men executed here during the last few months.

Cummins Asks Reasonable Freight Rates for Coal

Washington, April 28.—Informal request that seasonal rates on anthracite and bituminous coal be initiated with the lowest schedules applying to summer months, was made of the Interstate Commerce commission by Chairman Cummins of the senate interstate commerce committee.

The request was transmitted orally by Senator Cummins at the suggestion of committee members.

Negroes Will Control New National Bank in Chicago

Chicago, April 28.—The first national bank to be controlled by negroes—the Douglas National Bank of Chicago—today received its charter from the comptroller of the currency. Only one white man, the chairman of the board, is connected with the bank.

The stock is to be sold exclusively to Chicago negroes.

Reduction of Third in Passenger Fares Proposed

Washington, April 28.—A flat reduction of 33 1/3 per cent in passenger rates through the sale of mileage books, was proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Flood, democrat, Virginia. It would direct the Interstate Commerce commission to issue books of not less than 1,000 miles at this reduction from the established fare.

The Weather Forecast. Friday fair; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperature. 5 a. m. 40 1 p. m. 53 6 a. m. 42 2 p. m. 54 7 a. m. 44 3 p. m. 55 8 a. m. 46 4 p. m. 56 9 a. m. 48 5 p. m. 57 10 a. m. 50 6 p. m. 58 11 a. m. 52 7 p. m. 59 12 noon 54 8 p. m. 60