

China Wins Victory at Conference

Hughes Resolution Defining Open Door Unanimously Accepted by Delegates at Washington.

Take Up Railway Issue

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Washington, Jan. 18.—With the unanimous acceptance of the Hughes resolution reaffirming and redefining the open door and moving forward the enforcement of that principle, the international conference still further enlarged the charter of new freedom being wrought for China.

Mr. Hughes then, without allowing the delegation any breathing spell, plunged the conference into consideration of the reform of the road system in China, this being the next subject listed on the agenda.

The question of maintaining the Chinese Eastern railway as a free line of commerce with no discrimination against shippers, which was the subject of the first article of the resolution, was the first question to be taken up.

The British ambassador offered a resolution providing that China and the other powers undertake to abolish all transportation discriminations in China and Mr. Hughes submitted another expressing the hope that China would unify its railways under Chinese control with such foreign financial and technical co-operation as may prove necessary.

On account of the opposition of Japan and France the Hughes open door resolution was not adopted in its entirety. The fourth article under which the validity of existing concessions in China could be referred to the international board, was withdrawn by Mr. Hughes at the suggestion of Sir Robert Borden of Canada.

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U. S. Intervenes in Chile-Peru Dispute

Washington, Jan. 18.—(By A. P.)—The American government has intervened in the controversy between Chile and Peru, involving the execution of the treaty of Ancon, inviting the two South American governments to send plenipotentiaries to Washington for a conference.

The invitations, it was said today at the state department, were forwarded to the foreign ministers of Chile and Peru several days ago in the name of President Harding. The text of the invitations, it was stated, would be made public as soon as it had been learned that they had been received in Santiago and Lima.

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 18.—(By A. P.)—Chile, it was announced today, has accepted an invitation from the United States government to designate a plenipotentiary at Washington to study the form of execution of the treaty of Ancon, under which the Tacna-Arica dispute between Peru and Chile arose. It is said the United States has extended a similar invitation to Peru.

Packing House Strikers Willing to Arbitrate

Chicago, Jan. 18.—The Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, is now, and always has been ready to arbitrate with the packers the grievances which caused the union men to strike, Dennis Lane, secretary of the union said tonight in discussing the announcement that the government will tender its services in an effort to arbitrate the differences.

Representatives of the larger packing companies renewed assertions that plants were operating at normal and that there was no question to arbitrate, maintaining that an agreement had been reached which employs through plant conferences.

U. S. Again to Offer to Mediate in Strike

Washington, Jan. 18.—Services of the government will be formally tendered again in an endeavor to bring about an arbitration of the packers' strike, now being conducted in the larger midwestern centers of the meat packing industry, it was decided today at a conference of cabinet members and congressmen. The previous offer of the government at mediation was refused by the packing companies on the ground that the strike was not effective.

Bankers Praise War Finance Aid to State Farmers

Opinions of Bank Executives Who Have Tried Plan Unanimous for the System.

Two opinions concerning the War Finance corporation existed among the state bankers who met in Omaha Wednesday. In general, those who had made use of this government credit endorsed the system, while those who had not used it were doubtful and even critical. This was shown by individual interviews rather than in any public way.

"To my mind, the War Finance loans have been the salvation of Nebraska," said A. M. Engles, a prominent banker of Auburn. "There is absolutely no occasion for any bank being financially embarrassed if they will embrace the opportunity offered through this system. Some banks are timid about rediscouunts and others imagine that the method is very complicated. Others simply don't understand."

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Petition in Bankruptcy Filed Against Exporters

New York, Jan. 18.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in federal court against Childs and Joseph, exporters, by three creditors with claims totaling \$238,000.

An extension of credit was asked by the company on December 30, and a committee of creditors made an attempt to keep its affairs out of court. It was said the company did an extensive business in India and the far east and had been unable to make collections.

The petition made no mention of liabilities and assets. The last financial statement, issued on December 31, 1920, showed assets of \$6,122,722 and liabilities of \$4,065,282.

Four Persons Drowned in Storm at Vigo, Spain

Vigo, Spain, Jan. 18.—(By A. P.)—Electric light and street car services here were paralyzed today as a result of a violent storm which struck the coast last night. Several fishing smacks are reported missing. Four persons are known to have been drowned.

Changes in Bank Law Called Off

Nebraska Bankers in Session Pass Resolution to Keep Guarantee Law Intact—Governor Approves.

Outline Loan Body Plans

Resolution opposing the enactment of any amendments or changes in the state bank guarantee law at the coming special session of the Nebraska legislature was passed yesterday by 400 state bankers, with but two dissenting votes.

Governor McKelvie, who was present to give his reasons for placing in his call for a special legislative session consideration of amendments to the guarantee law, told the bankers he was willing to abide by their wishes.

"If you don't want the law changed, I'm willing that it remain the same," said Governor McKelvie. "The primary purpose of my special call was to reduce appropriations and to retrench the cost of the state government."

Governor Approves Move. "I'm not insisting on any legislation," continued the governor. "It may be better to let the guarantee law alone. I certainly would not endorse any suggestion to weaken the law."

Asked to explain what amendments to the guarantee law he had in mind, Governor McKelvie read the state guarantee act effective in South Dakota, which provides that when a bank is apparently weak the state may step in and conduct its business as though it were a going concern. He said there had been no failures in South Dakota, despite the financial depression.

"A number of failures would not have occurred in Nebraska could the bank board have stepped in and conducted the weak banks as going concerns," said the governor. "The formation of the State Agricultural Loan association may make such legislation less necessary, however."

Loan Body Plans. A. L. Schantz, Omaha banker, outlined the two primary objects of the State Agricultural Loan association at a meeting of the association's stockholders, just preceding Governor McKelvie's speech.

He explained that the association is to take good assets of failed banks, endorse them for passage by the War Finance board, get the money from Washington and into the state guarantee fund, and then to take good assets in the hands of receivers now, he said. The association is to take good assets of failed banks, endorse them for passage by the War Finance board, get the money from Washington and into the state guarantee fund, and then to take good assets in the hands of receivers now, he said.

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Edward Simon Dies After Brief Illness

Edward Simon, 35, former member of the state legislature, a candidate for the city commission and prominent in Jewish circles, died suddenly yesterday afternoon in West Memorial hospital of a throat infection.

He entered the hospital last Thursday, suffering from a bad cold. He was a graduate of Drake university law school, Des Moines, Ia., and played on the Drake football team. Since his retirement from active politics he has been associated with his brothers, Jake and Louis, in the Simon Brothers wholesale grocery company.

Surviving him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Simon, formerly of Council Bluffs, who now live at 129 North Thirty-third street; three brothers and three sisters.

Witness Blames Wire Operator for Statements

Says Meaning Changed in Telegrams Regarding Killing of Soldiers in American Forces in France.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Testimony relating to alleged brutality toward enlisted men in home and foreign prison camps, was presented today to the senate committee investigating charges that American soldiers had been hanged without trial in France.

There was no evidence bearing on the charge of illegal hanging. Five of the 10 witnesses expected to testify were summoned, but they did not appear and four of them could not be located.

Called as a witness after telegraphing Senator Watson, democrat, Georgia, that he knew of the killing, Harry K. Walmer of New York city told the committee that he was in the air service in France he was transferred to another station, the name of which he did not remember and in passing through Paris was picked up and put in prison as a "lost" person, although he was in possession of official transfer papers.

Couldn't Sleep. "I was put in a room with so many others that we could not sleep even on the floor," the witness said, "and was kept there two days. There was not even a chair in the room."

"Were you ever told you were under arrest or what for?" Chairman Borah asked. "No sir." "Did they give you water at the prison?" "No, but we got some on the Q."

Walmer related many alleged grievances, saying after he left Paris he was stopped at a village and put to sleep in a horse stall. Eager to get away, he said he ate two bars of soap which made him ill and he was tagged as an influenza patient and sent to a hospital. Meanwhile, he declared, he was robbed of 800 francs and his mother's picture, found with his money, was turned up and thrown in his face.

Baggage Robbed. Walmer wept as he told how the military police had robbed his baggage, stealing the little things which his mother had knitted for him, and a Bible given him by his grandmother. He said he was lying down and was shot as he started to turn over. An order to shoot the prisoner if he moved was given, the witness said, by Sergt. William L. Born, who was never tried.

"I saw and heard Born tell the sentry if the prisoner moved to shoot him," said Martin. "I do not know if he meant moving a muscle when he attempted to escape. A moment later, I saw the man dead."

Government to Take Hand in West Virginia Mine Row

Shamokin, Pa., Jan. 18.—(By A. P.)—Intervention of President H. V. Lewis, presiding at the anthracite wage conference today, received a telegram from Washington that the Department of Labor had informed the union representatives that election of miners from their homes will be stopped in West Virginia and "desperate conditions investigated at once."

John Brophy, district president of the central Pennsylvania soft coal miners, chairman of the national research committee, said the operators have been spreading propaganda holding up the mine workers as responsible for the high price of coal and it was time for the miner to put his story across.

Senator Borah Discovers a Germ

David City Store Destroyed by Fire

Seward firemen called when snowstorm threatens to spread blaze.

David City, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire starting from a defective fuse completely destroyed the L. O. O. F. temple, a two-story brick building here, early this morning. The Seward fire department was called to aid the local department and the combined forces worked in a snowstorm until noon before the fire was under control.

The first floor of the building was occupied by the E. E. McVay furniture store. The store loss is about \$5,000. The damage to the building is \$20,000. Both are partially covered by insurance. A falling wall crashed into the J. D. Duncan Produce company store adjoining, doing damage estimated at \$5,000. The strong northeast wind threatened to destroy the produce company store and the David City ice plant until the Seward firemen reached the scene. Both are brick buildings.

M. D. Murphy, fire chief, and a number of the members of the volunteer fire department were in Norfolk attending the state firemen's convention.

Community Builder Ill in Kearney Hotel

Kearney, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—H. D. Watson, pioneer communist builder and who is credited with having introduced alfalfa in Nebraska, is critically ill in a hotel here. At a meeting of the city commissioners a resolution was adopted calling for the erection of a memorial to Mr. Watson, an appreciation for the city for his activities towards the best interests of Kearney and Nebraska. This memorial is to be erected on the Watson boulevard, which he laid out nearly a half century ago. Civic organizations will be asked to back the movement.

Labels Are Seized. Labels of well-known brands of whiskey, government seal, rectifier used in the process of distilling and government alcohol testers were seized by police in the raid.

Leaving Commissioner Boehler's office after a night and a day spent in jail, the girl said she was "ready to collapse."

Supreme Court Upholds Dismissal of Rail Case

New York, Jan. 18.—The United States circuit court of appeals, in a decision handed down today, affirmed the action of the federal district court in dismissing the injunction suit brought by Charles H. Verner against the Southern Pacific company and its directors and the Pacific Oil company and its directors.

Verner alleged that the segregation of the Southern Pacific's rail and oil properties to the Pacific Oil company would deprive him of interests he had as a stockholder of the Southern Pacific company, the property of the Southern Pacific Land company, a subsidiary.

Man Held on Federal Charge Commits Suicide in Jail

New Orleans, Jan. 18.—Charles Doran, 60, former postmaster at Harding Grove, S. D., arrested at a local hotel recently on the charge of passing worthless money orders, died today as the result of taking poison, which he obtained from an undertaker's source while being held at the house of detention.

Daisy Wolfe, 22, who, the police say, asserted she was Doran's wife, is being detained on charges of conspiracy in passing worthless money orders.

Strikers Arrested. Denver, Jan. 18.—Twenty striking packing house workers and sympathizers were arrested at the gates of the Denver stock yards today and placed in jail on charges of picketing.

Chicago Bandits Raid Bank, Take \$25,000 in Gems

Tie Up Clerks in South Halsted Street Institution During Busiest Hour and Seize Diamonds.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Four men in an automobile, resembling the one used by bandits who shot and robbed two messengers of the Citizens Trust and Savings bank yesterday, were arrested last night by the police and taken to the detective bureau for questioning. They said they came here from Milwaukee.

The bandits who robbed the bank messengers obtained a \$2,000 pay roll after forcing the messengers' automobile to the curb and opening fire on the bank employees.

Four youthful bandits tied up three clerks in the Star Loan bank in South Halsted street, during a busiest hour yesterday and escaped with \$25,000 in diamonds and other jewelry and \$600 in currency. Hundreds of people passed the bank during the robbery and other customers entered while the bandits were at work. They were promptly trussed up and shoved into the basement to keep company with the bound and gagged clerks. The thieves covered the safe, which was unlocked, and contained diamonds worth more than \$50,000.

Three bandits invaded the apartment of Elizabeth Thornton, upon whom Frank Brownie, race track follower, was calling, and robbed him of \$7,000 in cash. They also relieved Miss Thornton of jewelry worth \$2,000. The bandits were dressed as telegraph messengers and thus gained entrance to the apartment. Brownie was all set for a campaign at Hot Springs and had his reservations for a start later in the day. He told the police he knew the men who "framed" the robbery as they were aware he was starting south with a large amount of money.

Escaped Convict Gets Prison Term Lengthened

Alliance, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Harold Watkins, farm hand, who saved the bars and escaped from county jail, where he was being held following his plea of guilty to a charge of automobile stealing, and who voluntarily surrendered after a 12-mile tramp through the snow which brought him exhausted to a farm house, has pleaded guilty in county court to a charge of escaping from custody and will be given an additional sentence of 1 to 10 years in state prison. When he broke jail he was being held temporarily because of impassable roads, pending an overland trip to Rushville, where he was to plead guilty to the auto theft charge before District Judge Westover and receive sentence. James Howard, negro, who escaped with him, is still at large. The latter wrote an offensive letter to the county attorney before making his break for liberty.

Two Convicted Slayers Die in Electric Chair

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 18.—Louis Lively, negro slayer of Matilda Russo, 7, at East Moorestown last June, and George Washington Knight, also colored, who killed Mrs. Edith M. Wilson, a church organist at Perth Amboy, last March, were put to death in the electric chair at the state prison here.

Mrs. Wilson was on her way home the night of March 12 when she was waylaid and attacked by Knight. He afterward confessed. Medical authorities declared the woman died of fright. Knight said "fery gini" had brought about his downfall.

After Matilda Russo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Russo, of East Moorestown, was murdered last June her mutilated body was buried in the cellar of Lively's home.

Elba Votes Bonds to Build Transmission Line to Town

Elba, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—At a special election the village of Elba voted bonds of \$18,000 to build a transmission line from Dannebrog to Elba to secure current from the Central Power company hydro-electric plant at Boelsa.

Nominations Confirmed. Washington, Jan. 18.—The nomination of Henry P. Fletcher, under secretary of state, to be ambassador to Belgium was confirmed today by the senate, together with that of William J. O'Toole of West Virginia, to be minister to Paraguay.

The Weather

Forecast. Thursday fair and continued cold. Hourly Temperatures.

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