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SENATE TO TAKE FIRST VOTE ON PACIFIC TREATY TODAY

Unanimous Consent Given for Ballot on the First of the Proposed Amendments—Agreement Reached After an All-Day Attack by Senators Johnson and Borah—Administration Leaders Are Confident That They Have Sufficient Votes to Defeat the Amendment.

Washinton, March 213.—Opponents of the four-power Pacific treaty loosed another series of broadsides against the pact today in the senate, but slackened their onslaught just before adjournment to accept a unanimous consent agreement for a vote tomorrow on the first of the proposed amendments.

Senators Johnson, California, and Borah, of Idaho, both republicans, took the lead in the all-day attack, the former declaring ratification of the treaty would be a national "surrender" under a threat of danger from the Anglo-Japanese alliance and the latter asserting that the proposed four-power arrangement would transfer to the Pacific the old balance of power system that has dominated Europe for centuries.

A question as to the authorship of the treaty and its supplemental agreements again was raised during the debate, Mr. Borah asserting that, despite Secretary Hughes' letter accepting responsibility for the final draft there seemed to be "the most conclusive proof that somebody else wrote the treaty."

The amendment on which it was agreed to vote at 4 p. m. tomorrow was proposed by Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, and will be the first issue of the four-power treaty fight to come to a roll call. As modified today by Mr. Robinson it provides that the rights of nations both in and out of the four-power group are to be respected, and that non-signatory as well as signatory nations shall be invited to any conference held to consider controversies affecting insular interests in the Pacific or any Far Eastern questions.

Administration leaders declared tonight they had sufficient votes to defeat the amendment, which has been touched on very little in debate during the several days that it has been technically before the senate. Senator Robinson made a short speech today favoring its adoption in the interest, he said, of fair play for Russia, China and other non-signatory nations, and Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, argued against it on the ground that it would impose blanket obligations going even beyond the league of nations covenant.

Senator Johnson's address of more than two hours was directed largely against the declaration of the treaty's supporters that its chief benefit lay in the provision abrogating the Anglo-Japanese alliance. If solemn assurances of Great Britain and Japan regarding the purposes of the alliance were to be credited, he said, then it contained no menace to the United States, while if these assurances were to be regarded as false, then this government should not go into partnership with nations which had practiced the deception.

The four-power arrangement, said Senator Johnson, would amount to an "alliance" and would impose obligations not dissimilar from those of the league covenant. The chief difference between the new treaty and the league, he declared, seemed to be that it bore a republican instead of a democratic labe..

Senator Borah, in turn, likened the treaty to the triple entente of Europe, which he said did not bind Great Britain and Russia to go to the aid of France in 1914, but nevertheless resulted in concerted action by all the entente powers. The four-power treaty might not impose any legal obligation on congress to declare war, he asserted, but it provided for a conference which might easily result in a moral obligation which congress could not escape.

The treaty, Senator Borah pointed out, did not limit the "means" to be considered jointly by the four-powers to "Pacific means" but left the door open for the conference to decide on concerted armed action. He predicted that formation of the four-power group would lead to the establishment of a "counter group" and eventually to a war between the two rival combinations thus placed in the field.

Just before the senate accepted the unanimous consent agreement, which was proposed by Senator Swanson, democrat, Virginia, Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, assailed republicans who formerly had opposed the Versailles treaty but now support the four-power treaty, declaring they were ready to take "medicine handed us in a spoon held by a republican president" although they had refused it when it came from a democrat.

In the main, the treaty supporters made little effort to reply to the series of attacks. Senator Lenroot took exception to the "moral obligation" argument of Senator Borah, however, declaring that no binding commitment would exist, and Senator Lodge, Massachusetts, the republican leader and a member of the arms delegation, engaged in a sharp exchange with Senators Johnson and Borah over authorship of the treaty and the circumstances which led to the supplemental agreement regarding mandated islands.

DODGE ARRESTED FOR DRIVING AUTO WHILE INTOXICATED

Kalamazoo, Mich., March 13.—John Duval Dodge, son of the late John F. Dodge, millionaire automobile manufacturer, was at liberty tonight under $7,000 cash bail, following his arraignment on charges of driving an automobile while intoxicated and of illegally transporting liquor.

Dodge was arrested on complaint of Miss Emiline Kwakerneck, 19 years old student at Western State Normal school, and Roe St. Egenena of Grand Rapids. They said that Dodge and Rex Earl invited them for an automobile ride as they were leaving a dance hall Saturday night, that the men promised to drive them home but drove rapidly into the country.

The young women's protests were unheeded they said and Miss Kwackenneck jumped from the car injuring her head. She was later found by the roadside by another motorist who brought her to a hospital here and reported the incident to the police.

GOMPERS ADDRESSED TEXTILE WORKERS IN MANCHESTER, N. H.

Manchester, N. H., March 13.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, told the striking textile workers here today that "your fight is the fight of the entire country." Addressing a gathering which filled the largest hall in the city, Mr. Gompers said:

"The issuance of a proclamation by textile mill owners announcing a reduction in wages and lengthening of work hours without consultation with the workers has been the most high-handed transaction I have ever known in the history of the industry."

After his address Mr. Gompers left for Lowell, Mass.

Congressman Sherman E. Burroughs notified the strike leaders today that he would not demand a federal probe of textile conditions in New Hampshire. He said this would confuse the issue and delay settlement.

The forces of pickets at the Amoskeag and Stark mills was increased today from 700 to 1,000. The mills have been closed since the first day of the strike, four weeks ago.

FATALITIES IN EXPLOSION OF SULPUR AND POTASH

New York, March 13.—Peter Picure and his wife, Angela, were seriously injured tonight by an explosion of sulphur and potash, which he was mixing in his apartment on East 76th street.

Twenty other families in the house fled to the street when the explosion occurred.

At Bellevue hospital, it was said Picure probably would die, but that his wife would recover. Police expressed the belief that Picuro was attempting to make a bomb when the explosion occurred.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH IN NEW BRITAIN

New Britain, March 13.—Mrs. Katherine Munion, 58, was burned to death in her home here tonight when she fell down a flight of stairs while carrying a lighted oil heater. Slight damage was done to the house by fire. The woman was dead when a physician arrived.

PETITION FOR REHEARING OF CONSOLIDATED GAS CO. CASE

New York, March 13.—Corporation Counsel O'Brien of New York city announced today that he had petitioned the United States supreme court for a rehearing of the Consolidated Gas company case in which the court recently decided that the $5 cent rate was confiscatory.

WILL GARMENT WORKERS BACK TEXTILE WORKERS?

Providence, R. I., March 13.—The decision of the American Federation of Labor to stand firmly behind the striking textile workers of Rhode Island announced by Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, in speeches yesterday here and in Pawtucket, will result in union garment workers of the United States being called into the contest, it became known here today. Garment workers' unions affiliated with the American Federation will be asked to refuse to cut goods manufactured in Rhode Island mills where wage reductions have been made. It was further stated by strike leaders that workers in union textile finishing plants in other states will be requested to refuse to handle the products of such mils.

Thoms F. McMahon, president of the United Textile Workers of America is at present accompanying Mr. Gompers on his taur of the New England textile districts where strikes are in progress. At the conclusion of this tour he will go to New York to confer with the heads of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union and the United Garment Workers, it is announced. No date has been set for this conference, according to information available here, but it will be held this week.

Three mill companies in Rhode Island are mentioned specifically in connection with the proposed "boycott" by garment workers. These are the Lonsdale company, Lonsdale, owned by Goddard Brothers, the United States Finishing company, Pawtucket and Silver Springs and the Imperial Printing and Finishing company, Bellefont. These plants have ben kept in operation during the strike.

The beginning of the eighth week of the strike today found the situation unchanged from last week. No further attempt was made to reopen mills closed by the strike.

EASTON, PA., SILK PLANTS TO CLOSE INDEFINITELY

Easton, Pa., March 13.—Announcement was made today by the Haylock-Cronmeyer Silk company that the three local plants of the company have been closed indefinitely or "until the employes realize that the plant is not being run from union headquarters."

Recently a reduction in wages for the twisters was announded which would put their salary on an average basis of $40 a week but they refused to accept it and instead asked for a 5 per cent. increase. The company has more than 500 employes.

BRANFORD MAN WAS DROWNED OFF STONY CREEK

Branford, Conn., March 13.—Charles C Collins, 52, of this town, was drowned late today off Stony Creek. Collins, with Hobart Page, had rowed out to an island to dig clams. The tide carried away their rowboat and Collins started to swim after it. He appeared to have difficulty in swimming and turned around. Page then pulled off his boots and went to Collins' assistance. He managed to pull Collins ashore and worked over him. A physician tried to resuscitate him when they reached Stony Creek, but the efforts were futile.

BUILDING INSPECTOR AUSTIN OF NEW HAVEN ACQUITTED

New Haven, March 13.—City Building Inspector Joseph E. Austin, held by Coroner Mix, criminally responsible with two others for the death of Everett T. Case, in the Rialto theatre fire of November 27, was discharged on the complaint of manslaughter after a hearing today. The court found no evidence of neglect of duty on Austin's part in inspection of the theatre.

Bombing th[illegible]nd Gold Mine Strikers

Revolutionaries Continue Their Attempts to Damage the Germiston Railway.

Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, March 13.—Operations against the Rand gold mine strikers continued today in the vicinity of Pretoria. The Germiston railway revolutionaries were heavily bombed, but they persisted in their attempts to damage the railway, which they had succeeded in doing twice before. The line, however had been repaired on both occasions.

One commando, five hundred strong, which had succeeded in blowing up part of the railway at Driefontein, war located and bombed by an airplane. The airplane dropped rations to a number of detached police officers who were besieged by the strikers.

Premier Smuts, in an interview with a newspaper correspondent, said the response to the goverments call to form commandos had been magnificent. Farmers and other men of every shade of political opinion, instantly enrolled, he said.

It has ben ascertained that a few officials who were guarding the Brakpan mines were clubed to death after havin gsurrendered when their ammunition ran out.

A volunteer power station has been successful in maintaining the lighting of the city.

It is doubtful if Johannesburg ever experienced such a Sunday as yesterday, with airplanes incessantly whirring overhead, while revolutionaries indulged in intermittent bursts of machine gun fire. Amidst the hubub of destruction the church bells continued ringing at the hours for service.

Government forces have captured the important positions of Benoni and Dunswart, together with many prisoners. The government casualties were slight.

The night passed quietly here, there was very little sniping or street firing.

GENERAL VAN DEVENTER MARCHING ON BRAKPAN

Cape Town, March 13.—A despatch from General Smuts was read in the assembly today announcing that General Van Deventer after the capture of Benoni was marching on Brakpan. Colonel Hussey h d occupied Roedepoort and Florida and was marching on Maraisburg, where the revolutionists occupy a strong position in the hills to the north.

GOVERNMENT FORCES IN CONTROL AT JOHANNESBURG

London, March 13.—(By The A. P.)—Latest advices from Johannesburg tend to show that the situation, which last week was extremely grave, with many hundreds of casualties on all sides in the fighting, is now well controlled by formidable forces of the government which were devoted ato the task of suppression after the proclamation of martial law. The prompt quelling of the disorders was largely due to the free employment of bombing airplanes to disperse the rebels and drop food and ammunition to besieged loyalists.

Johannesburg, which on Saturday was invested on three sides, is at the present time quite safe. Krugersdorp, the western limit of the fighting, has been captured by the troops. The Pretoria-Germiston railway line was still being contested on Sunday, but with the capture of Benoni and Dunswart announced tonight it is believed most of the resistence has been overcome.

General Smuts, the South African premier, after a perilous automobile tour in the battle area, being shot at and having a narrow escape, has himself taken personal charge of the situation at Johannesburg. He expresses the opinion that peaceful conditions will be re-established.

The fighting has been accompanied by the most exciting incidents, airplane engagements, aviators escaping after great risks and daring and gallantry on the part of besieged police and troops. In some cases loyal forces have been hemmed in for two or three days before airplane relief enabled them to fight their way out.

OIL PROMOTER DEFRAUDED INVESTORS OUT OF $1,000,000

New York, March 13.—Alleged to have used the mails to defraud investors out of $1,000,000 by the sale of worthless oil stocks, Zeymour J. Cox, promoter, was arrested tonight in the Broadway theatrical district.

The warrant for Cox's arrest was issued by United States Commissioner Douglas of Houston, Texas, where the promoter operated as head of the Cox Realization corporation—a concern capitalized at $20,000,000.

Post Office Inspector Weldon, who accompanied police in search for Cox, said he had been sought since February 28, the trail leading first to Michigan, then through several southern states, and finally to New York. He was arrested at the corner f Broadway and 44th street.

Cox was fastidiously attired and wore a pair of leather puttees, which he said "all promonent business men" of Houston affected.

Inspector Weldon said the government had evidence that Cox had reaped a harvest of "between a million and a million and a half" by sending out thrugh the mails glowing, but false, literature describing his investment opportunities.

GOVERNOR LAKE GRANTS REPRIEVE TO EMIL SCHUTTE

Hartford, March 13.—A reprieve was granted to Emil Schutte, convicted murder of three members of the Ball family by Governor Lake today because of an appeal of the man to the supreme court of errors. Schutte was to have been hanged on April 10 but his appeal acts as a stay of execution. Th ereprieve will be effective until July 21. The supreme court will not have opportunity to review the case until the May term.

SELECTING JURY FOR THE THIRD TRIAL OF ARBUCKLE

San Francisco, March 13.—One juror temporarily passed was the record of the first day's session in the third trial of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle on manslaughter charges arising from the death of Virginia Rappe, movie actress, and one of the guests at a party given by him here last Labor day. Miss Rappe succumbed September 10 and Arbuckle was arrested the day following for murder, the charge later being reduced.

Six veniremen were examined. Four were executed for having opinions. One proved satisfactory to both sides and the sixth was still under examination at adjournment.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Edward J. O'Brien of Boston, scientist and author, declared that the ghost of Antigonish was in reality the product of electrical energy.

The comptroller of the currency has issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Friday, March 10th.

The annual statement of Wilson & Co., packers, revealing an operating deficit of $8,462,650 during 1921, was made public.

Howard Plummer, arrested recently in Dunster hall, a Harvard dormitory, was held in $3,000 bail for the grand jury on a charge of breaking and entering.

Regulation of the New York stock exchange is favored by Samuel Untermeyer, counsel for the Lockwood legislative committee investigating housing conditions.

During January, 1922, exports of iron and steel totalled 160,020 tons, compared with 129,921 tons in December, according to the department of commerce.

A large number of British and German firms will be represented in the Peace Exposition to be held in Tokio from March until July.

Petroleum production of the world during 1921 amounted to 759,030,000 barrels, an increase of 9.20 per cent. over previous year.

It has been officially reported the number of unemployed in Denmark now totals 23.5 per cent. of the workers. High wages and dumping of cheap goods from Central Europe is given as the cause.

Morris Handleman, said by the police to be wanted in Troy, N. Y., for an alleged attempt to steal a tray of diamonds from a jewelry store in that city, was arrested at his home in Worcester.

Press despatches from Madras, Bombay, Calcutta and Lahore concur in declaring that there was little excitement in India after the arrest of the non-co-operationist leader, Gandhi.

George L. Record, a Jersey City attorney, announced he would be a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator in opposition to Senator Joseph Frelinghuysen.

The arrest of Charles H. Goldthwaite at Boston, member of a firm dealing in surgical instruments, on a secret indictment charging delivery of a hypodermic needle, became known yesterday.

James L. Carter, a Boston customs house messenger, who was arrested last Saturday, charged with embezzlement of $1,887 in registered mail, was held in $1,000 bail for the grand jury.

Quo warranto proceedings against Town Manager Rutherford H. Hunter of Stratford were initiated by Frank E. Conine, a taxpayer and first selectman of the town.

The case of Bartholomew I. Cashman, formerly a special policeman in Lynn, Mass., charged with attempting to murder his wife and daughter Myrtle by use of chloroform, was postponed until March 20.

The Worcester Consolidated Street Railway company directors declared a dividend of $2.50 a shore on its preferred stock. This is the first dividend declared by the company in four years and is payable April 1.

For the first time in its history the Panama canal Sunday was the scene of baptisms, when the Rev. Mr. Roberts of the Baptist church at Balboa immersed four men.

All of the sixteen persons injured in the derailment and destruction of an Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic passenger coach of a train en route to Fitzgerald at Camp Creek early Sunday were pronounced out of danger.

The agricultural appropriation bill, carrying approximately $35,000,000, was passed by the house after members had been forced on record on the question of putting back the $360,000 item for free seed.

John and Edward Ball, brothers, aged 16 and 13 years, respectively, were rescued by boatmen from a cake of ice in the Niagara river, about a mile above the falls, as they were being borne downstream towards the cataract.

A schooner as yet unnamed, a probable contender for the honor of challenging for the North Atlantic fishermen's trophy won last year by Bluenose of Canada, is nearing completion at the shipyards of A. D. Story at Essex, Mass.

Yesterday was Warren day at Boston university, and Dr. William Fairfield Warren, first president, was receiving on his 89th birthday the congratulations of alumni and 10,000 undergraduates of the institution he sponsored in 1868.

William Kershaw, known as "Citizen" Kershaw in labor circles for many years, died yesterday at the City home in Fall River in his 74th year. He had worked as a loom fixer in Lowell, Hartford, Thompsonville, Conn., and New York.

Coroner Thomas F. Vance at Pawtucket, R. I., resumed the inquest into the death of Jose Assuncao, who was killed during the riot at the Jenckes Spinning company's plant on the morning of Feb. 21.

Lieut. F. W. Niedermeyer, Jr., of Mc Cook field, near Dayton, O., was killed yesterday when a monoplane in which he was doing combat problems fell several thousand feet in a tail spin. His home was said to be in Colombia, Mo.

Life insurance companies, doing business in New York state, must dispose of their stockholdings, Superintendent of Insurance Francis R. Stoddard, Jr., says in his annual report. The companies will have until 1926 to sell their stock.

A death certificate filed by Medical Examiner Dr. George Sherrill gave asphyxia as the cause of death of Miss Valeria M. Rauffenbaut, of Westwood, N. J., on Thursday last at a Stamford private sanitarium.

John W. Wallis of New Haven and Bridgeport, arrested last week on a charge of swindling in the handling of stocks and mortgages, was still in jail at Bridgeport as no bondsman for him had appeared.

Prohibition enforcement men seized eight gallons of "alcohol" at the drug store of Samuel Cohen, in Bridgeport, Sunday, and because of Cohen's claim that it was denatured fluid it was sent to Hartford for analysis.

Transfer of McMillans department store, New Britain conducted by Douglas McMillan for the past 33 years, to Alexander K. Leventhal and Samuel Davidson was announced yesterday. The transaction approximated a quarter of a million dollars.

Break in Railroad Wage Conference

Executives and Representatives of Unions Have Failed to Reach Agreement.

New York, May 13.—Negotiations between executives of 52 eastern railroads and representatives of conductors' and trainmen's unions looking toward a new agreement as to wages and working conditions were broken off late today without any settlement having been reached.

Announcement of the breaking off of negotiations was contained in the following statement issued by the bureau of information:

"The conferences between certain carriers represented by the conference committee of managers of eastern railroads and conductors and the trainmen represented by the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, which have been held on various dates beginning February 16, 1922, were adjourned today, it being apparent that a mutually satisfactory agreement could not be arrived at and, as previously agreed, all propositions made by either side in the hope of a settlement are to be considered as though they had not been proposed."

FAILED TO BAR RAILROADS FROM WAGE HEARINGS

Chicago, March 13.—An attempt to bar a number of railroads from the wage hearings before the railroad labor board failed today when Vice Chairman Ben W. Hooper ruled against evidence presented by railway employes to show that the roads had violated the law and should therefore have no standing before the board.

The ruling brought out the fact that action on cases involving three roads, charged with violation of the transportation act because of contracting shop work to outside firms, was expected soon. The question at issue, Vice Chairman Hooper said, was one of the most important the board has faced. If such contract work were declared legal, he added, "the ground would be cut from under this board and the vitals of the act would be killed."

Cases against the Erie, the Indiana Harbor belt and the New York Central are pending before the board. All involve the sub-letting of shop work to contractors, all ow whom are paying lower wages than the scale set for railroad shopmen by the board.

The ruling was made over the protest of B. M. Jewell, head of the Shop Crafts' unions, who asserted that if shops were to be closed by the railroads one day and opened by a contractor at lower wages the next, the railroads were setting an example which might convince the employes that "the very small number we have termed radicals were right and the great majority of sane-minded employes is 100 per cent. wrong."

OPERATORS AND MINERS IN NEW YORK FOR CONFERENCE

New York, March 13.—Anthracite mine workers, assembled here to complete arrangements for the joint conference with the operators on Wednesday expressed confidence today that the negotiations for a new wage agreement will not be protracted unles the mine owners refuse to recede from their demand for a cut in wages under the present scale.

This statement was made by several members of the scale committee of the miners appointed by the tri-district convention in January who will carry on negotiations with representatives of the companies.

The scale committee is under instructions to demand an increase in the contract scale of twenty per cent., a dollar a day advance for the men paid by the day, a straight eight hour day under ground for day labor, and a standard check-off system for the collection of the miners' union dues.

If "no satisfactory agrement" has been arrived at by April 1, when the present two year agrement expires, the scale committee is under instructions to bring about a suspension in the anthracite fields. At the present time there is little prospect that a wage contract will be negotiated in the next two weeks.

The coal operators through individual spokesmen have said that the price of coal is to high and that to miners sould share in the general deflation that has been going on in other industries. Operators have made no announcement, however, as to the cut the miners should accept. It has been reported that they have not been in agrement on a percentage of reduction and that no definite wage rate will be offered until they sound out the miners.

10 PER CENT. REDUCTION IN SHOE FACTORY WAGES

Boston, March 13.—A reduction of ten per cent. in wages of employes of shoe factories in Brockton and the South Shore district was ordered by the state board of conciliation and arbitration tonight. The decision effects 44 factories employing about 21,000 workers.

The manufacturers had proposed a 20 per cent. reduction. The case was referred to the state board two months ago under an arbitration agreement between the various locals affiliated with the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union and the Brockton Shoe Manufacturers' Association.

In its decision the board specifies that "where the date rate of wages is $11 per week or less there is to be no reduction, and no reduction shall bring the rate of wages below $11 per week. It adds that in a few instances extra prices allowed for special operations have been made uniform.

WORKING UP CLUES TO THE JOHN F. BRUNEN MURDER

Riverside, N. J., March 13.—A number of possible clues were unearthed today by detectives trying to solve the mystery surrounding the death of John T. Brunen, circus owner, slain with a shotgun at his home Friday. Some of these clues, Prosecutor Jonathan Kelsey, of Burlington county, said tonight, lead to the winter quarters of several circuses in different parts of the country. Efforts were being made, he added, to locate George Weiner, known as "Dutchy the Chef," who, Kelsey said, recently had been discharged by Brunen.

AUTO INJURIES FATAL TO A HARTFORD WOMAN

Atlantic City, N. J., March 13.—Mrs. Amelia Damon, 70 years old, of Hartford, Conn., who was run down by a taxicab while crossing the street here Saturday, died today from her injuries. The driver of the taxi has been held in $2,000 bail.

Hope is a dream a man has when he is awake.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN SOLDIERS' BONUS SITUATION

Possibility That Republican Leaders Will be Unable to Bring About a Vote Under Suspension of the Rules Next Monday—Final Decision on Procedure Suspended Pending Knowledge of Speaker Gillett's Views as to Suspension of the Rules—Meanwhile House Members are Expressing Opposition to the Bill.

Washington, March 13.—Republican leaders were confronted today with the possibility that they might be unable to bring about a vote in the house on the compromise soldiers' bonus bill under suspension of the rules next Monday. With a favorable report of the measure by the ways and means committee promised by Chairman Fordney, they generally were agreed that the bill should be disposed of by the house early next week.

Inability, however, to ascertain whether Speaker Gillett, who is in Florida with President Harding, would entertain a motion to suspend the rules, which would require a two-thirds vote for passage of the bill, and would automatically bar all amendments, coupled with reports that he might decline to do so, threw the whole question of procedure into the air.

Republican members of the ways and means committee, who at a morning meeting decided to proceed with their plans for a report of the measure at the meeting of the full committee scheduled for tomorrow, despite objections to its provisions voiced by Secretary Mellon and Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger, held a conference later in the day with members of the republican steering committee and several others, including Representative Walsh, Massachusetts, acting speaker, and Representatives Fess, Ohio, and Towner, Iowa.

It was agreed at this meeting not to make a final decision as to procedure until the views of the speaker could be learned. In case he opposed the suspension of rules program it was said that the bill probably would be brought up early next week under a rule which, although it would require only a majority vote on final passage, and could be drafted to prevent amendments from the floor, would permit the offering of a motion to recommit. Leaders said such a motion might be designed to saddle the bill with some drastic amendment distasteful to the proponents of the measure as it now stands.

Other developments of the day in the bonus situation were the issuance of a statement by two members of the house—Representative Treadway of Massachusetts, a republican member of the ways and means committee, and Representative Hawes, democrat, Missouri—both of whom expressed opposition to the bonus bill, and the announcement by Representative Frear of Wisconsin, a republican member of the ways and means committee, that he had written Secretary Mellon "replying" to the letter of the treasury head to Mr. Fordney in which Mellon declared the bill, if enacted would involve a "dangerous abuse of government credit."

Mr. Treadway declared it was "apparent that an effort to pass a bonus bill at this time is futile unless financed by a sales tax." The people, he contended, want less rather than more taxation.

"It was hoped that some satisfactory plan could be found for properly financing payment of a soldiers' bonus" without embarassment to the federal treasury, Mr. Treadway's statement began. "The communication received this morning from Secretary Mellon shows that the new suggestion is as unsatisfactory as previous ones. No one can contradict the sound logic of his argument even though some of the statistical information may not be borne out."

The Massachusetts member held that "the new scheme having been proven unsound financially, the strong advocates of the bonus, of whom Chairman Fordney is the leader, ought to be satisfied although unsuccessful, and cease their efforts."

"The president's position is sound," the statement continued. "Either the proposition must be postponed or a sales tax adopted. I favor the former plan."

Mr. Frear made public his letter to Secretary Mellon. In it he predicted that the bill "will be reported with little opposition and will pass the house five to one," and subsequently would be approved by the senate. Adoption of a sales tax, he contended, would "eventually shift one billion dollars or more in income taxes now paid by the wealth of the country over the shoulders of the consumers of the land."

Mr. Hawes, who referred to himself as a member of the American Legion, criticised the bonus bill as a "gold brick" which members of congress proposed to sell to soldiers in exchange for votes. The program adopted by the republican members of the ways and means committee, he contended, was "in reckless disregard of the president's advice."

While holding the procedure program in abeyance to ascertain the views of Speaker Gillett as to suspension of the rules, republican leaders frankly admitter they hoped in the meantime to receive some authoritative word from President Harding as to whether he would approve the bill with its present provisions. A definite expression from the president, several leaders declared would greatly clarify the situation.

HOW PRESIDENT HARDING IS SPENDING HIS VACATION

Fort Pierce, Fla., March 13.—(By the A. P.)—President Harding and his vacation guests left here this afternoon after a round of golf for the final run of their houseboat trip down the east coast of Florida. According to the plans as announced here, the houseboat will put into Miami during the night and tomorrow the president and his guests will leave for St. Augustine by train preparatory to leaving for Washington on Friday.

Nine holes of golf were played here today and then the boat resumed its cruise southward with ts distinguished guests aboard. Before leaving, however, the president let it be known that he intended to be in St. Augustine Wednesday "rain or shine." He was undecided as to his program for tomorrow but it is understood it probably will include either golf or a fishing trip.

Mr. Harding again made it plain today that he would make no speeches during his vacation trip. When asked if he would address the Florida convention of the American Legion, which meets in West Palm Beach Wednesday he replied "no speeches."

Telegrams and official mail were taken aboard the houseboat here and additional correspondence is said to be awaiting the president at Palm Beach. Mr. Harding and Secretary Christian planned to give attention to correspondence on their trip from here to Palm Beach.

BROKERS GRAF & CO. IN INVOLUNTARY BANKRUPTCY

New York, March 13.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in federal court late today against Graf and company, stock brokers, 123 Liberty street. No estimate of liabilities or assets was given in the papers. The firm has no exchange connection.

The suit was brought by three creditors whose claims aggregate more than $35,000.

They were Lenox and Montford, claiming $20,558; C. B. Whitaker and company, $4,400 and Walter P. McCaffery $10,587.

The Graf firm is composed of Henry Spitz, James M. Graf and Herman Witkowski.

W. Morton Carden, attorney for the petioning creditors, later declared that other clients of his brought the total claims against the Graf concern to more than $400,000. The known assets, he said, were "about $40,000.

Jesse W. Ehrich was appointed receiver for the firm.

The three members of the firm are out on $7,500 bail each on charges of grand larceny, growing out of their promotion of the stock of the California Crushed Fruit company.

ANOTHER SENSATIONAL TRAGEDY AT MINEOLA

Mineola, N. Y., March 13.—Infuriated when Miss Virginia Forget, 23, laughed at his demand that she refuse attentions from other men, William Magee, a carpenter, 37, today shot and killed the girl, then turned the weapon on himself. He died two hours later.

Magee, who is survived by a widow and two children, is said by the police to have confessed just before he died that he had been infatuated with the girl, who was a bookkeeper in the office of Justice of the Peace Westervelt. She was alone in the office when Magee called late today and upbraided her for accepting attentions and gifts from other men police said.

"She drove me insane when she sneered at me," Magee is said to have told the police, "and I shot her. I was in love with her. I told her that I truly loved her, and asked her to discontinue attentions to other men. She only sneered at me and I shot her."

WEISSMAN BANKRUPTCY CASE GOES TO THE SUPREME COURT

New Haven, March 13.—Judge Edwin S. Thomas today sent to the supreme court of the United States the questions of law raised by defendant's counsel in the trial of Joseph Weissman, of this city and fifteen others, charged with a conspiracy to conceal the assets of a bankrupt. When Weissman, a wholesale dealer in dry goods failed in 1919 his was called a "million dollar failure." The bankruptcy proceedingse have been in court since. Criminal proceedings based on an indictment found in March, 1920, were begun recently. The number of defendants for one cause or another dropped from 25 to 16.

Counsel for Weissman raised teh point that if there was a conspiracy it occurred prior to bringing the bankruptcy case and there could be no conspiracy charge in the United States court because there had been no violation of United States law. If trial was to be had of any alleged conspiracy it should be in the state courts.

Judge Thomas found there was a conflict in the authorities cited by each side and sent the case to the highest court, meanwhile holding te jury until a later date in case it should be neded.

12 PERSONS INJURED BY A BOMB EXPLOSION IN BELFAST

Belfast, March 13.—(By The A. P.)—Twelve persons, including women and children, were injured through the explosion of a bomb thrown in crowded Foundry street tonight. The injuries of two of the persons are serious. There were two bomb outrages during the night.

Police Sergeant Clark, accompanied by a constable, while returning from the funeral of comrades killed in the disturbances last week were attacked by an armed bandit in Falls road. Clark fell dead, his body riddled with bullets. The constable returned the fire and a civilian was dangerously wounded.

HELD FOR MURDER OF DRUG STORE CASHIER

New York, March 13.—Detectives tonight arrested Thomas Flannagan, 28, for the murder of Samuel Hadas, who was slain last night when four men and a woman attempted to hold up a drug store where he was cashier.

The bandits, frightened by the screams of a young woman being served at the soda counter, fired upon Hadas and fled in an automobile. Photographs of Flannagan are said by the police to have been identified by victims of the hold-up.

ITALY IS PREPARING FOR THE GENOA CONFERENCE

Rome, March 13.—America's refusal to attend the Genoa conference clears up many arrangements which had been held in suspense pending receipt of the American reply to Italy's invitation.

Final plans are now being rushed under the direction of Baron Romano Avezzano who, together with numerous experts, is leaving Rome soon, to take personal charge of preparations of the program at Genoa.

OBITUARY

Boynton Wells McFarland

New Haven, March 13.—Prof. Boynton Wells McFarland, an assistant in the chemistry department at Yale University, died today of heart trouble following pneumonia, aged 54. He was graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School in 1889 and taught in the New Haven High school for 22 years. He was a native of Painesville, Ohio, and besides his immediate family leaves two brothers, Dr. Warren McFarland of New York city and Allen McFarland of Syracuse, N. Y.