

U. S. BREAKS WITH AUSTRIA, REPORT; WASHINGTON IN DARK

OIL CLAIM RELIEF SOON IS UNLIKELY; WILSON 'STUMPED'

Intricacies of California Controversy Bewilder President, Who Proposed Compromise

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WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 31.—President Wilson is bewildered by the magnitude and intricacies of the California oil lands controversy. He was urged to undertake a settlement of the dispute by prominent senators and others interested. He promised all possible assistance. It was believed that he could arrange some kind of compromise. It is now officially admitted that the president is entirely at sea in the oil fight. He is extremely anxious for the discovery of a solution, but none appears in sight. No progress has been made in unravelling the tangle. Congress cannot act. With the president thus stumped it seems unlikely that any remedial legislation can be passed at this session of Congress. Time is pressing and the usual jam of important business is at hand. It is almost self-evident that part of the administration's legislative program must go by the board. If such proves to be the case the California land troubles doubtless will go down in the general smash. If the land leasing bill now should come up on the floor of the senate after the president was invited to act as arbiter, there will be a long and bitter debate. It is suggested that this might prove embarrassing to the administration. The president has called for maps of the lands and will confer with Secretary Daniels and Attorney General Gregory and also the navy side of the controversy. He will then hear what Secretary Daniels has to say for the interior department, which has contended that the "equities" of the lessees should not be disregarded or their property confiscated even under the guise of "conservation" of the oil supply for the navy. Conflicting interests halt Senators. There are a number of senators desirous of doing what they feel is right in the matter, but the senators are halting between the advice of the secretary of the navy, which suggests a recognition of the needs of the navy for fuel oil as an important part of the preparedness program and the disregard of present interests, seeking to get oil concessions to which they are not entitled either by law or equity, and the advice of the secretary of the interior that entrymen in good faith have done development work in the navy reserves and should be permitted to enjoy their leases. Already some of the Western senators interested in the recognition of the private interests have charged Secretary Daniels with disregard of States and with having muckraked the interior department. Charges that an active lobby maintained by oil interests has been at work in the "capitol corridors" for several weeks in the interests of the private entrymen is also being bandied with threats that the senate lobby committee may be invited to get busy. Lane States Situation. In a letter to Senator Phelan, published in the Congressional Record January 17, Secretary Lane says: "There are now withdrawn from public entry a total of 6,570,332 acres of oil lands. These withdrawals have been made upon the advice of the geological survey. Of this great body of land there are reserved for naval purposes, Naval Reserve No. 1, 38,068 acres in California; Naval Reserve No. 2, 30,181 acres in California; Naval Reserve No. 3, 9481 acres in Wyoming; a total of 77,730 acres, exclusive of two withdrawals recently made of naval oil shale in Utah and Colorado, totaling 122,094 acres. So that we have oil withdrawals of nearly six and a half million acres which are not held as naval reserves. Two of the naval reserves, No. 1 and No. 3 (estimated to contain approximately 130,000,000 barrels), are either free of private claims or can be made so. Naval Reserve No. 2 is within the patented land grant of the Southern Pacific Company and also includes several thousand acres patented to the State of California and private individuals. So that there is comparatively a small amount of land, perhaps less than 5000 acres, which would be affected by the relief provisions of your amendment. "It is not to be overlooked that the present bill involves not only oil but phosphate, potash and sodium lands, of which we have several million of acres under withdrawal. The time is ripe for the development of these lands to furnish fertilizers for our soil and chemicals that are invaluable to the army and navy, as well as to many industries."

Market Today Is Stronger

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

	Yesterday	Today
Alaska Gold	8 1/4	7 1/2
American Smelter	97	96
American Sugar Rfg.	108 1/4	107 1/4
American Tel. & Tel.	124 1/2	124 1/2
Anacosta Copper	76	74 1/4
Atchafalpa	102 1/2	102
Baldwin Loco.	52 1/4	51 3/4
Baltimore & Ohio	75 1/2	76 1/2
Eathlehem Steel	380	380
Calif. Petroleum	24	22 1/2
Canadian Pacific	152	151 3/4
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	80 1/4	80
Colo. Fuel & Iron	44 1/2	43 1/2
Crucible Steel	54 1/2	53 1/2
Ericsson	26	25 1/2
General Electric	164 1/2	164
General Motors, New	104	103 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	122 1/2	122 1/2
Inter. Harv., N. J.	111 1/2	112 1/2
Kennecott Copper	43 1/4	42 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	71 1/2	72 1/2
New York Central	95	93 1/2
Pennsylvania	54 1/2	54 1/2
Ray Consol.	25 1/2	25 1/2
Reading Common	91 1/4	91 1/4
Southern Pacific	93 1/2	93
Studebaker	103	101
Texas Oil	221	216 1/2
Union Pacific	137 1/2	137
U. S. Steel	105 1/2	104 1/2
Utah	107 1/2	105 1/2
Western Union	93	94
Westinghouse	50 1/4	50 1/4
May Wheat	1.73 1/2	1.74 1/2

*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Sugar: 96 degrees test, 5.27 cents. Previous quotation, 4.86 cents.

AVIATION TOPIC AT COMMERCIAL CLUB LUNCHEON

Hawaii's interest in its newest type of preparedness—aviation—was demonstrated today at noon in the crowd of business, professional and army men that gathered at the Commercial Club to listen to Clifford Harmon, pioneer pilot of aeroplanes and balloons, tell of his experiences. Brig.-Gen. Frederick S. Strong, president of the Aero Club of Hawaii, introduced the speaker, pointing out in his brief introductory remarks the need of air control as well as land and water in the defense of these islands. He said there is every reason to believe that the government will furnish all the machines and aerial experts here or about to come deemed necessary here. He hopes before another year has rolled around that aeroplanes and hydroplanes will be plentiful enough to cause to be novelties. Capt. John F. Curry, in charge of aviation work here; Governor Pinkham and Col. R. C. Croxton, head of the 1st Infantry, National Guard, were among those at the speaker's table. Mr. Harmon described how rapidly the art of aviation has developed in the last 10 years, recalling how a few years ago a small flight in New York would draw thousands of people to witness it. Aviators now face storms and heavy gales, he said, where a short time ago they dreaded a slight breeze. Harmon raised the hair on the heads of his listeners when he told of an unsuccessful attempt he made once in France to become the second man to loop-the-loop. He had almost completed the circle, he said, when his engine stopped and the plane dropped tail downward. Just before he hit the ground a lucky pull on the levers righted the machine and landed it gently. Will Shelve Dreadnought. The speaker said he predicted several

"RUTHLESS WAR" HITS "HIGH COST"

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 16.—That the "unrestricted naval warfare" of Germany will have a favorable effect on the purses of American housewives because lower prices are likely to prevail in many commodities sold on the domestic market, is probable, according to information gathered by the commissioner of weights and measures in this city. The commissioner, who has been making an investigation of the high cost of foods, says that many perishable supplies are being placed on the home market immediately because of the check in steamer sailings and the consequent lack of facilities for shipping to Europe.

BAND WILL PRACTISE

Members of the 1st Regimental band, Hawaiian Infantry, National Guard, are called to practise on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock in the armory. All of the men are urged to be present.

Late News At A Glance

RUMOR SPY ARRESTED NEAR MEXICAN BORDER
TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 15.—Reports from Nogales say that a German spy has been arrested and charged with violation of the national defense act, being accused of obtaining military information.

BRITAIN GRANTS RELIEF FOR CARGO TROUBLES
NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The British admiralty's permission to neutral vessels, sailing from American ports to Europe, to undergo examination at Halifax instead of at Kirkwall or Falmouth, England, has brought immediate relief to the congested cargo situation.

POSTAL RATE FIGHT IS PROBABLY ENDED
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—The proposed increases in postal rates for newspapers and magazines, and the provisions for a 1-cent drop in letter rates were eliminated from the postal appropriation bill finally today on a point of order. This is expected to end the fight.

TURKEY FIGHTING TO HOLD CONSTANTINOPLE
LONDON, England, Feb. 16.—A Reuter's despatch this afternoon says that Talaat Bey, the new grand vizier of Turkey, in a statement to the chamber upon the policy of the new Turkish cabinet, says that the country will fight to the last man to retain Constantinople. The chamber passed a unanimous vote of confidence in the government.

TRADE COMMISSION TAKES HAND IN PAPER SHORTAGE
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Proposal that the federal trade commission determine a fair and reasonable price for news print paper, during a period from March 1 to September 1, this year, has been taken under advisement. The commission says that the "offer not only promises lower prices and more equitable distribution, and means a saving of millions to publishers, but averts ruin which is threatening the smaller publishers."

RUMOR SAYS GERMAN CAPTAIN IS MISSING
A widely spread rumor that Captain H. Schlueter of the refugee German merchant steamer Staatssekretar Kraetke had been missing for two days was substantiated this afternoon when Capt. McDuffie of the detectives was seen searching under the docks near the ship and it was learned upon inquiry aboard the boat that the missing man is supposed to have drowned.

The captain's servant says the ship commander's clothes have all been accounted for, which leads them to believe he fell overboard. It is said that if the man drowned the body would not have come up yet. It was also learned on very good authority that the captain came on board under the influence of liquor the night he disappeared. The ship's carpenter is said to have seen him in this condition.

SEEK TO CHECK KOREAN RUSH FOR NATURALIZATION

That Koreans are flocking to federal court to declare their intention of becoming American citizens under the impression that, once they have paid their dollar and secured their first papers, they are fully naturalized, is the information which has reached Federal Clerk George R. Clark and William L. Rosa. With this information at hand, the clerks are exerting every effort to set matters right and to impress on the Koreans that they must wait at least two years before filing their final petitions and that, even then, their chances for becoming citizens are seriously slim. Clark has placed the matter of their "ability" squarely before the Koreans. He has explained to them that his office cannot refuse their declarations of intention, and has told them plainly that, under the present laws, they can never become naturalized citizens for the reason that they are neither "free white persons" nor "persons of African descent or nativity."

"There is no getting away from the fact that the Koreans are Mongolians and in the same class with Japanese and Chinese with regard to naturalization," says Clark. "But we cannot refuse to accept their declarations of intention." So far as is known there has never been a local ruling affecting the status of Koreans as to their eligibility for naturalization. Chinese are barred from becoming citizens and former Judge C. F. Clemons recently ruled against the entrance of Japanese aliens. Federal Judge Horace W. Vaughan today expressed the opinion that Koreans "haven't a chance in the world" of becoming naturalized citizens. He points out that the naturalization law is very plain as to who shall be admitted. Should a Korean file his final petition, he adds, it would be a matter for the court to decide.

One Korean, who filed his declaration of intention this morning, said he wanted to join the United States army. As soon as his declaration was issued he went out in search of the proper authorities, declaring he would apply for enlistment. Other Koreans want to join the navy, and others the National Guard. There are a number of students among those who already have secured their first papers. A person who takes out his first papers may make his petition two years later providing he can show he has been a resident of the territory for at least five years. Many of the Koreans who have declared their intention this week may file their petitions two years hence, as nearly all of them have been in the territory from four to 12 years.

MISSING BARKENTINE SAFE IN PUGET SOUND

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 16.—The barkentine Retriever, which has been overdue, arrived at Port Townsend this morning, towed in after passing by Cape Flattery. The Retriever has been the object of search by coast guard cutters along the California coast.

JAPANESE WILL ERECT HOSPITAL COSTING \$60,000

Japanese of Honolulu will erect a hospital costing \$60,000 on a site secured on Kukui street, near Nuanuanu. At a meeting of the Japanese Charitable Association held yesterday it was decided to erect a large hospital on a site near the Japanese Children's Hospital. The association has on hand \$30,000 and the remaining amount necessary to construct the building will be raised by popular subscription among the Japanese of Honolulu. Rev. S. Motogawa, pastor of the Japanese Methodist church is chairman of the committee. Ripley & Davis will be the architects.

THREE AMERICANS VICTIMS OF VILLA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.—Three American cowboys who were captured by a Mexican raiding party, under the command of Gen. Jose Inez Salazar, at Lang's ranch, on the American side of the border Wednesday night, were murdered by the gang of Villista bandits. Their bodies, stripped naked and horribly mutilated, were found near Hachita yesterday. Two other Americans are also believed to have been killed by the Mexicans during this raid. Another Villista gang, under command of Julio Acosta, raided the Hearst ranch at Babicora, 250 miles southwest of Juarez, on February 8, according to a report received here yesterday, killed two Mexican ranchers employed on the big ranch and completely looted it. The Pearson Milling Company's plant near there was also raided and looted by the men of Villa, whom Gen. Pershing was sent into Mexico to take "dead or alive."

No Cuban Sugar Being Offered

Alexander & Baldwin received the following Marconigram from its New York house this morning: NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Market firm. No Cubas are being offered. Refiners are buyers at 5.22. Porto Ricos are offered at 5.20 and 5.39. There was a sale today to an operator of Porto Ricos afloat at 5.23. May options closed at 5.42. The Cuban situation is apparently more serious.

Waialua Plans Half Million Stock Issue

At the annual meeting this morning of the stockholders of the Waialua Agricultural Company a resolution was introduced by O. Mayall to increase the capital stock from \$4,500,000 to \$5,000,000 by issuance of 25,000 new shares as a stock dividend. As there were not present a two-third representation of stockholders the meeting was adjourned until Saturday, March 3, 1917, at 10 o'clock, when the resolution will again be considered and also such amendments to the by-laws as may be necessary. The stock dividend is to take effect on May 1, 1917. The officers for the ensuing year, who were elected this morning, were: E. D. Tenney, president; C. H. Cooke, 1st vice-president; F. C. Atherton, 2nd vice-president; T. H. Petrie, secretary; C. H. Atherton, treasurer; and the above officers with W. L. Hopper, J. A. McCandless, J. D. McInerney and Geo. P. Castle form the board of directors. T. Richard Robinson was chosen auditor.

Otto Schmidt Kills Self at San Jose, Cal.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
SAN JOSE, Cal., Feb. 16.—Otto Schmidt, formerly a Honolulu and owner of a plantation in Hawaii, committed suicide today in a field near here. He had been practicing with a revolver recently and talked to acquaintances of killing himself. He was in ill health.

U-Boat Toll Four Vessels

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
LONDON, Eng., Feb. 16.—Early reports today added four vessels, all British, to the list of victims of the hostile submarines. They are the steamers Longscar and Greenland, the sailing vessel Percy Roy and an unnamed trawler. Lloyd's agency, which gives the news, mentions the crew of only one, the steamer Greenland, as having landed safely. LONDON, Eng., Feb. 16.—Lloyd's agency last night reported the sinking of the British steamer Margarita and two trawlers in addition to the Cilicia and Ainsdale listed earlier in the day.

LABOR STRIKE IN PORTO RICO

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Feb. 16.—Two thousand cane field laborers went on strike on this island yesterday, demanding a reduction of hours of work to eight a day and an increase of pay to \$1 a day. It is predicted that a general strike of all cane field laborers in Porto Rico will ensue. Forty-eight sugar centrals of the island are now making sugar and sugar men estimate that the weekly production of sugar is approximately 25,000 tons, and that this rate of production will be continued until June. It is expected that the total production for the season will be between 500,000 and 525,000 short tons. Weather conditions since the beginning of cane cutting have been very favorable for both sugar making and field work, although at present in several sections of the island there is very great need of rain. A general strike of agricultural laborers is predicted by Santiago Iglesias, president of the free federation of labor, unless the laborers are given a minimum wage of \$1 a day and eight hours' work. These are the same demands made last year and the workers then returned to work only after increases had been granted. An inventor living at Troy, N. Y., has patented a laundry machine that irons an entire skirt over a conical roller at a single operation.

CONSULS AND OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE STILL HELD IN GERMANY, IS REPORT AT BERNE

Expected to Arrive Across Border, They Have Not Come—Great Britain Closing Huge War Loan Subscription

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
LONDON, Eng., Feb. 16.—The Exchange Telegraph Agency this afternoon publishes a despatch stating that it is announced in the Berliner Tageblatt that Ambassador Frederic Penfield, at Vienna, has broken negotiations with the Austro-Hungarian government. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—The department of state up to a late hour this afternoon had no information on the report that Ambassador Penfield's negotiations with Austria have been broken off and that the status threatens the breaking of diplomatic relations. It is said that so far as known here, the situation is unchanged. Officials of the state department say that no instructions have been sent to Penfield to warn Americans out of Austria-Hungary, and that if he has done so, as reported, it is probably on his own initiative.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Inquiry as to the truth of the unofficial report that the 72 American sailors of the Yarrowdale captives have been released by Germany was sent today, through the Spanish embassy, to Berlin by the department of state. Pending a reply, the demand for the release of the sailors, which was to have been pressed, will be withheld by the administration. Another inquiry sent through the Spanish government to Berlin is that asking regarding the delay in the departure from Germany for Switzerland of the second train of former American officials. This train, following that which carried Gerard's party, should have left Munich early this week, carrying 66 consuls and their families, and other retiring officials.

PARIS, France, Feb. 16.—Americans in Austria have been warned out, on instructions from Washington through the embassy at Vienna, according to news here. The international situation is responsible for the warning.

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 16.—Indications are here that though Ambassador Gerard and his party of 42 were permitted to leave Germany, a large number of U. S. consuls and other officials have not yet been allowed to do so. The last contingent of Americans in the first party who were coming through here have departed for Paris, Spain and thence to the United States. The arrival of others has been expected, including the consuls, but they have not come and in consequence there are reports that they have been detained by the German government.

Nations, Locked in Struggle, Must Raise Huge Loans to Carry on War

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 16.—To complete the great war loan by popular subscription which has been under way for some time, officials and leaders of all classes are today making a tremendous effort to bring in every available shilling. Advertisements, newspaper appeals, public speeches and personal solicitations are being used to swell the flood of money and pledges pouring in on the collectors. There is no question in financial circles that the loan will be a complete success, and there is hope that it will be substantially oversubscribed. The national accounts indicate that 506,000,000 pounds are needed to insure the government a clean slate on entering the new financial year, April 1.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 16.—German newspapers tell of a new war loan made by Germany to Turkey, according to a Reuter's despatch today. The loan is for 42,500,000 Turkish pounds. David Bey, minister of finance of the Turkish government, is quoted as saying that the Teutons' advance since the beginning of the war to his government amounts to 79,000,000 pounds.

PARIS, France, Feb. 16.—Alexandre Ribot, the French minister of finance, today asked the chamber of deputies to appropriate 9,574,000,000 francs, to cover the government's expenditure in the second quarter of this fiscal year. This is an increase of 900,000,000 francs over the appropriation for the first quarter.

Germany Releases Yarrowdale Sailors

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 16.—The German admiralty officially announced last night the intention of the government of immediately liberating the 72 American sailors, captured in the South Atlantic and brought to this country on the Yarrowdale. Formal information to this effect has been conveyed to the Washington authorities. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Berlin has formally announced that the 72 American sailors taken by the German raider in the South Atlantic and carried to Germany on the prize ship Yarrowdale will be liberated at once.

German Attack on West Front Wins

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 16.—The Germans today won a signal success on the west front, when they captured ground half a mile deep on a front of one and one-half miles in the Champagne section. They took 856 prisoners and considerable material in the course of the day's advances.

DEATH SUMMONS RODIN'S BRIDE

PARIS, France, Feb. 16.—The Petit Journal reports the death at Meudon of Madame Auguste Rodin, wife of the noted sculptor. She died after a painful illness. Some weeks ago there was a report that Rodin was dying, followed immediately by the news of his recent marriage and the illness of his bride.

SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER SUPPLIES TO PREVENT A FAMINE

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Feb. 16.—Facing a serious shortage of food before the long northern winter wears into spring, the Swedish government today announced vigorous measures to regulate the food supplies. Orders were issuing expropriating barley and barley flour. Half of the supplies of oats, oatmeal and wheat grits are to be issued, the remainder being held until danger of the famine is over. Orders were also issued forbidding the use of potatoes as fodder.