

House Increase Hotly Opposed, Defeat Forecast

People Not Concerned with the Number of Representatives, but With Their Ability, Argument of Esch

Vote Is Expected To-day

Champ Clark Favors Constitutional Amendment for Permanent 500 Limit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—After five days of argument and oratory, the House, like a jury not required to be closed up, went home to-night to deliberate over the proposal to increase membership from 435 to 483. Such a storm of protest was raised, however, to the bill that House leaders predicted the verdict to-morrow would be against the increase and for an amendment holding seats to the present total. The debate touched on every possible point, although Representative Clark, former Democratic leader, declared it was not different from that heard after every decennial census for the last half century.

Rising to speak in opposition to the bill, Representative Esch, Republican, of Wisconsin, who failed of reelection last year after a continuous service of twenty-two years, was greeted by demonstration by Republican and Democrats alike. Then when he had the undivided attention, Mr. Esch declared the House could not justify its action in adding to the membership simply to save one seat in Maine and another in Missouri.

Not a Question of Numbers
"Why can't this House have the courage to say it will not do that?" he asked. "The people of your state are not so much concerned with the number of representatives as they are with the question of ability and efficiency. It is not too difficult to remember the time when Maine, with four members, had more influence here than New York with its thirty."

Nearly everybody had a chance to express his views. Representative Montague, Democrat, of Virginia, broke into the discussion in its early stage to declare that it was shockingly obvious to the House, as it was to the country, that the House was too big now to legislate effectively. Representative Champ Clark, who goes out of office in March, endorsed the increase, but announced he would fight for a constitutional amendment which would hold the total to 500 for all time. Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, the Republican leader, joined with those opposing an increase in membership.

Women's Vote Considered
There was, however, a plea from Representative Aswell, Democrat, of Louisiana, whose state would lose one member, that reduction should not be made at the time women were beginning to vote, and a warning by Representative Sims, Democrat, of Tennessee, that it was easier for big interests to control a small than a big body.

Under the Barbour amendment the House would be reapportioned by shifting twelve seats from eleven states to eight. States gaining seats were California, Michigan, Ohio, Connecticut, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas and Washington. Listed in the losing column were Missouri, Indiana,

Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, Rhode Island and Vermont.

After the debate had ended for the day and the House had adjourned, a movement was started by members from some of the states that would lose under the Barbour amendment to present a motion to-morrow to strike out the enacting bill. This would automatically kill the measure and perhaps cause reapportionment legislation to go over until the next Congress.

Draft Board Chairmen To Check Up Deserters

Will Be Supplied With Army's List Before Publication Is Requested

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The War Department to-day wrote to all chairmen of draft boards asking them to go over the army list of men classified as deserters to see if their records check up with the army's designation. Draft chairmen were informed that the department has compared the lists with army records and has exhausted all means of determining the true status of all registrants. The Navy Department is now engaged in a similar check to ascertain if men classed as army deserters actually served in the navy.

Upon completion of the navy's check copies of the official list will be dispatched to all draft board chairmen so they may complete the check. The lists will then be returned to the War Department, and authorization for publication of all the names will be given if the recommendation of Adjutant General Peter C. Harris is approved by Secretary of War Baker.

General Harris said to-day that the army list shows approximately 160,000 registrants as deserters. Unless the list is found to contain names of some men who are wrongfully classed as deserters in the view of the draft boards the War Department will take steps to apprehend the deserters and prosecute them under court martial authority, General Harris said.

Japanese Officers Protest Rule Not To Halt Americans

General Oi's Order Resulting From Langdon Killing Is Held Inimical to Discipline; Government Scored

TOKIO, Jan. 18.—The Military Reservists' Association at Takamatsu, Province of Shikoku, has passed a resolution authorizing its officers to file a protest against the reported instructions issued by General Oi, the Japanese commander at Vladivostok, in future not to challenge Americans. The order of General Oi is considered inimical to military discipline.

The best way to prevent a recurrence of incidents like the shooting of Lieutenant Langdon would be the joint withdrawal of the foreign troops and warships from Vladivostok, the Yumuri Shimbu, one of the leading Japanese newspapers, declares in an article to-day on the Vladivostok occurrence.

After voicing the sorrow of the Japanese nation over the shooting, the Yumuri Shimbu expresses the view that what it regards as the accidental result of a faithful observance of Japanese military regulations should not be given undue international importance.

Japanese Troops Indignant

A dispatch to the Nihon Nichi Shimbu from Teuruga to-day says that the sentry who shot Lieutenant Langdon, Toshigoro Ogasawara, is being court-martialed. The message adds that the reported determination to discontinue the challenging of Americans has caused indignation among the Japanese troops which would be affected by the order.

Surprise at what it terms the "timid-

ity of the government" is expressed by the Hochi Shimbu, which adds: "The government is doing everything to apologize to America, when, according to information reaching Japan, no fault was found in the actions of the sentry who shot Lieutenant Langdon. Apparently the government has two stories—one for American consumption and the other for the Japanese."

Wife's Suicide Confirmed

The Yamato Shimbu argues the sentry was merely performing his duty, and asserts there is no reason for the death of an officer in a foreign country being regarded as a serious international incident.

Press advices from Vladivostok declare Lieutenant Langdon walked to the cruiser Albany, saluted the gangway guard and collapsed before making any statement. Confirmation that the Lieutenant's Russian wife shot and killed herself the day after the death of her husband has been received in dispatches to newspapers here.

Naval Holiday Proposed To Help U.S., Says Okuma

Japanese Ex-Premier Holds That America Seeks to Economize Rather Than Promote Peace
TOKIO, Jan. 18 (By The Associated Press).—American proposals that Japan, Great Britain and the United States

"take a naval holiday" is eloquent proof that despite the fabulous riches of America she wishes to curtail national expenditures, and, therefore, the proposals are intended more to help America than to contribute to the peace of the world, said Marquis Shigenobu Okuma, former Japanese Premier, in an interview here yesterday. He asserted America should first consult Great Britain relative to the suggested suspension of naval program.

Johnson Asks U. S. Inquiry Into Siberian Trade Ban

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Receipt of information that Americans were being virtually excluded from trade in Siberia to-day caused Senator Johnson, Republican, of California, to introduce a resolution proposing an investigation of the matter by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The resolution also would provide for inquiry into activities of the American military expedition in Siberia, but Senator Johnson said it had no bearing on the recent shooting of an American officer by a Japanese sentry.

Senator Johnson said that he and other Senators on the Foreign Relations Committee had received information that the Japanese were becoming strongly entrenched in Siberian commerce and that American business interests there, with a great field for development, were suffering.

Ban On Orientals Asked

Utah's Legislators Indorse California's Immigration Attitude

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 18.—A memorial petitioning Congress to enact legislation which will prohibit, with certain exceptions, further immigration from the Far East and safeguard rights of states to enact such legislation respecting acquisition, succession to and disposition of lands within their borders was introduced in the State House of Representatives to-day and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Serum Saves Woman From Death by Anthrax Infection

Miss Florence Hogan, of 463 Third Avenue, was reported recovering from a severe case of anthrax by physicians of St. Mark's Hospital yesterday. Inoculation of the patient with Eichenhorn serum ten days ago was successful in saving Miss Hogan's life and will result in complete cure, it was reported.

Miss Hogan's case was of interest to

the medical profession because of the report that a pair of undressed kid gloves were believed to be the carrying agent of the bacillus anthracis.



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