

# S. Declines to Take Part in Genoa Conference; Opens Way for Parley Free of European Politics

## Leaders Seek To Jam Bonus Bill Through; Defy Harding

House Committee Stands by Measure Despite Ultimatum; Mondell Plans Its Passage March 20

## Rules Suspension Will Be Demanded

Straight Vote With Amendments Barred Is Plan; Many Members Ask Conference With President



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## Anna Fitziu Tires of Long Distance Love

## "Absence Makes Heart Winder," Says Diva Who Has Ended Her Engagement to Andreas de Seguro

## He Won Her by Fists

## "American Girl Should Not Wed Foreigner," Is Edict Given to Former Basso

Anna Fitziu, the prima donna, smilingly confessed yesterday that her engagement to Andreas de Seguro, former distinguished Metropolitan basso, was off.

"Absence does not make the heart fonder," it certainly makes hearts further apart. This is how Miss Fitziu parted with the fate of some of the most honored singers of Solomon, Aristotle, Omar, etc.

"I haven't any doubt about the bill. I don't believe the President will veto the bill. In the first place, the bill is going to be by the time it is ready for his signature."

"The President's attitude is against a bill that calls for a large outlay of cash. I have announced that we are to cause a heavy drain upon the Treasury in the near future we must show where the money is to come from. The bill does away entirely with that problem and is sound in every way."

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## Housing Bills Parley to Fail To Pass, Says Undermyer

## Counsel, After Confering With Governor Machold and Stoddard, Says 'Atmosphere Is Clearing'

## Carries Fight to Senate Committee

## Extension of Rent Statute and \$9-a-Room Apartment Plan to 3d Reading

ALBANY, March 8.—Samuel Undermyer, chief counsel to the Lockwood committee, said to-night after his first strenuous day's work since he returned from Palm Beach:

"I feel confident that the real important work of the Lockwood committee will not be destroyed. I have talked with Governor Miller, with Speaker Machold and with Superintendent of Insurance Stoddard. I do not feel at liberty to disclose what transpired at these conferences, but I can say that the atmosphere is clearing."

Mr. Undermyer spent nearly an hour with each of these three men, whose influence can make or break the pending legislation, which is designed not only to relieve the present housing shortage but to take care of the future.

The underground lobby, which redoubled its efforts today after Mr. Undermyer got on the job, has been trying to make it appear that Superintendent Stoddard was opposed to the remedial legislation which will make available to the impecunious needs of the poor there, is heartily in favor of this particular measure and, with two exceptions, favors without qualification every bill introduced by the Lockwood committee.

On the Assembly side all the housing bills to-day went into the hands of the Rules Committee, which is made up of the Executive chamber, those in the confidence of the Governor expressed the belief that he would render substantial aid to the Lockwood committee's housing program.

Mr. Undermyer's conference with the Governor, Machold and Stoddard preceded the hearing before the Senate Committee on all the housing bills, excepting the one permitting life insurance companies, during the present crisis, to invest up to 10 per cent of their assets in \$9-a-room apartments and the amendments to the existing rent laws.

These last-named were advanced to the order of final passage in the Senate to-day. And, on the \$9-a-room bill, Senator Lockwood moved at a future date to discharge the Senate Committee from further consideration of the bill.

Landlords' Agents Disappointed

There was a hearing on this last-named bill a week ago. To-morrow there will be a hearing on the amendments to the existing rent laws, a group of representatives of landlords, who thronged the Senate this afternoon, were disappointed when informed that only the Lockwood committee would be considered to-day. Several of them rose to protest. They were silenced by Senator Leonard W. H. Gibbs, of Buffalo, chairman, who told them to save their speeches until tomorrow.

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## Text of Note on Genoa Conference

## "This Government Cannot Be Unmindful of the Clear Conviction of the American People That They Should Not Unnecessarily Become Involved in European Political Questions"

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The text of Secretary Hughes's note in which the United States government declines the invitation to participate in the Genoa conference follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, March 8, 1922.

Excelsency: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note transmitting the invitation addressed by the Italian government to the government of the United States to take part in an "economic and financial" conference, to be convened at Genoa, pursuant to the resolution adopted on January 6, 1922, by the Allied governments in conference at Cannes.

I have also received your later notes with respect to American representation, the proposed agenda, and the postponement of the date of the conference.

Since the receipt of Your Excellency's first note the question of American participation in the proposed conference has had the most earnest attention. I am sure that you will realize that the government of the United States must take a deep interest in any conference which holds promise of effective measures to promote the economic rehabilitation of Europe, since not only do we keenly desire the return of prosperity to the peoples who have suffered most severely from the wastes and dislocations of war, but it is also manifest that there can be no improvement in world conditions in the absence of European recuperation. It is with this sympathetic spirit, and with the utmost reluctance to withhold its support from any appropriate effort to attain this object, that the government of the United States has examined the resolution adopted at Cannes and the suggested agenda for the conference.

I regret to inform Your Excellency that, as a result of this examination, it has been found impossible to escape the conclusion that the proposed conference is not primarily an economic conference, as questions appear to have been excluded from consideration without the satisfactory determination of which the chief causes of economic disturbance must continue to operate, but is rather a conference of a political character in which the government of the United States could not helpfully participate. This government cannot be unmindful of the clear conviction of the

## Bashful Ghost Of Antagonish Dodges Traps

## Ignores Dr. Prince First Day, but Little Mary McDonald Is Sure Something Terrible Is To Happen

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

CALEDONIA MILLS, N. S., March 8.—The ghost of Antagonish did not walk last night in the McDonald home nor did it make any effort to burn down the house in which Dr. Walter Franklin Prince, director of the American Institute for Scientific Research, has installed himself with an elaborate equipment of bells, cameras, flashing lights, wires and white tracking powder scattered at strategic points to pick up possible foot prints.

"Yet," said little Mary Ellen McDonald, adopted daughter of Alexander McDonald, "it is sure to come—if not to-night, it will come some other time when so many people are not about."

Mary Ellen told Dr. Prince she had taken a great deal of interest in little Mary Ellen. He is not subjecting her to long questioning, but he asks her now and then while she is talking to the extent of what she can make some playful remark that seems to confuse her. She has taken a great interest in the restoration of the house to the exact condition in which it was when the McDonalds fled, declaring that the house had been set on fire repeatedly, their cattle driven away and their rest broken by unseasonably high winds.

"Just wait," Mary Ellen told Dr. Prince to-night. "The same power which visited Mr. Carroll and Mr. Whidden will make itself felt to you if you remain here long enough. I know these spirits will be angry and that something terrible will happen. Don't you think so, pop?"

The father a grave nod of assent. That is about all that can be drawn from Donald or, for that matter, from John or Michael MacGillivray, the two witnesses who previously had declared that they saw fires spring spontaneously from the furniture of the farm house.

Correspondents Nervous

In the mean time the party that is remaining in the house with Dr. Prince is having a fine time inventing little ghosts of its own. The game of poodle that was started in the kitchen by the newspaper men and the camera operators was frequently interrupted with sudden whispers of "What's that?" followed by cautious excursions to dark rooms, which usually yielded nothing more ghostly than Dr. Prince himself setting and baiting his ghost traps.

Early this morning one of the newspaper men from Halifax telegraphed his findings in these words: "The McDonald mystery house was a void of evil spirits last night as the innermost sanctuary of a sacred edifice. The spook seems to be afraid to come out from the Halifax scenery."

ON BOARD PRESIDENT HARDING'S SPECIAL TRAIN, March 8. (By The Associated Press).—President Harding was in a happy frame of mind to-night as the special train bore him through Virginia on his way to Florida and his first real vacation since last summer. In his brief relief from official duties he plans to get all the rest possible, and to-night his conversation, so far as possible, is cast aside official cares and get as much rest and recreation as possible, the trip being the only vacation of any kind that he has taken since last summer and the longest period of rest he has enjoyed since his inauguration, a little more than a year ago. He plans to pass much of the time in golf over courses near St. Augustine, and may visit other courses in that section of Florida.

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## Harding Wrestles With Income Tax Two Hours

## And He Won't Be A Bit Surprised If His Report Is Returned For Correction

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Millions of Americans will sympathize with President Harding, who put in two hours to-day wrestling with his income tax return. The President tackled the job this morning shortly after arriving at his office, and denied himself to all callers while he completed with the taxes in regard to making returns. Despite the fact that he had marshaled about him the numerous figures necessary in filling out the papers, nearly two hours elapsed before Mr. Harding's income tax return was ready to be sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue.

"I wouldn't be surprised now if it comes back for correction," the President told his secretary.

## Viscount Lascelles Visits Buckingham With Bride

## Couple to Extend Honeymoon to Italy; 15,000 View Mary's Presents

LONDON, March 8. (By The Associated Press).—Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles arrived at Buckingham Palace this afternoon, having traveled from Shifnal, Shropshire, by motorcar in order to avoid popular demonstrations. Since their marriage in Westminster Abbey, February 23, they have been spending their honeymoon at Weston Park.

The couple intend to leave for Italy to-morrow, and will spend an extended honeymoon at Florence.

Princess Mary's wedding presents, displayed with her bridal robe at St. James's Palace, were viewed to-day by 15,000 persons, most of them women, who paid a shilling each for the privilege. The proceeds will go to a charity to be selected by the princess.

## "Rum Hospital" Taking Place of Old Barroom

## Massachusetts Bill Aims to Curb Liquor in Private Infirmaries

BOSTON, March 8.—The passing of the bill which has been followed by the opening of private hospitals which serve the same purpose, it was asserted at a legislative hearing to-day.

George F. Murphy, former Representative, appearing in support of a bill for the licensing and supervision of all private hospitals, declared that many new private hospitals to take the place of the barrooms and social clubs that already had appeared, and that proprietors of near-beer saloons, who believe they will soon be regulated out of business, were talking of having their places converted into "private hospitals."

## Jests at Death As His Ship Sinks With 20

## Esthonia Brings Story of Gallant Radio Operator Who Joked as Ill-Fated Freighter Fought in Gale

The Baltic American liner Esthonia brought to port yesterday news of the sinking of the little Norwegian freighter Gronoft on March 2 with twenty men aboard and the story of its gallant wireless operator, name unknown.

Until 10 a. m. March 2, he was an undistinguished member of that adventurous company of youths who perch on heaving hurricane decks the world around with receivers clamped to their heads, while their jests and gossip ride the ether waves. His body, with those of the nineteen others aboard the Gronoft, has an unmarked grave about 700 miles off Cape Race, but while the wireless bears tidings of tragedy and heroism across the seas his name will be remembered by the craft and the manner of his death.

One of the fiercest gales of a ferocious winter was lashing the Atlantic, being mighty heavy beneath mountain peaks of water. The Esthonia was laboring westward toward Cape Race, still 700 miles away. At 10 a. m. Edward Hanson, braced at his table in the wireless operator's quarters, caught an S O S.

Ship at Mercy of Storm

It was from the Gronoft, bound from Norfolk to Eibjerg, now unmanageable and at the mercy of the storm. The call for help was sent in stereotyped form and included, as regulations require, the position of the Gronoft, which was forty-eight miles northeast of the Esthonia, almost in the wind's eye.

When he reached the end of the form message the Gronoft's operator kept right on talking, however, starting a series of Homeric pleasantries which may still be dimpling the ether of interstellar space with their ripple. "God pity the boys at sea such a night as this," quoth the dauntless operator of the foundering freighter. "The old man thinks it might breeze up by night."

## Powers Told Russia Must Not Suffer Exploitation

## America Cannot Attend a Meeting Where Primary Economic Problems Are Excluded, Hughes Says

## Harding Hopes for Eventual Settlement

## Believes Discussion While Armament Treaties Are Before Senate Would Fail of Lasting Results

By Carter Field

WASHINGTON, March 8.—America declined to-day to participate in the Genoa conference. The refusal is based on the belief that the Genoa conference is not designed to be an economic discussion at all, but a political conference, Secretary Hughes bluntly states in his note dispatched to Italy.

"Questions appear to have been excluded from consideration," Mr. Hughes wrote, "without the satisfactory determination of which the chief causes of economic disturbance must continue to operate."

Cannot Discuss Politics

On the other hand, Mr. Hughes insists, the conference is rather "of a political character, in which the government of the United States could not helpfully participate."

While asserting strongly that it is the belief of the Administration that the American people would not approve the entry of this country into a political conference regarding European questions, the hope is expressed that "progress may be made in preparing the way for the eventual discussion and settlement of the fundamental economic and financial questions relating to European recuperation which press for solution."

United States Stand Emphasized

Reference is made in the note to the position taken three weeks after President Harding's inauguration in the following note to Russia:

"The government of the United States views with deep sympathy and grave concern the plight of the people of Russia and desires to aid by every appropriate means in promoting proper opportunities through which commerce can be established upon a sound basis. It is manifest to this government that in existing circumstances and in the present mood can result so long as the pressing causes of progressive impoverishment continue to operate."

Russia that there is any hope for the Russian people, and it is idle to expect resumption of trade until the economic bases of production are securely established. Production is conditioned upon the safety of life, the recognition by firm guarantees of private property, the sanctity of contract and the rights of free labor.

"If fundamental changes are contemplated, involving due regard for the protection of persons and property and the establishment of conditions essential to the maintenance of commerce, this government will be glad to have convincing evidence of the consummation of such changes, and until this evidence is supplied this government is unable to perceive that there is any proper basis for considering trade relations."

This is the nearest to a hint that America may participate in some future European conference which will actually be economic in character and not political which is contained in the note.

It is known, however, that the Administration has been anxious for some time that something should be done toward paving the way for a solution of the European economic situation. President Harding and his advisers are convinced that only through the restoration of Europe to solvency, so that it can buy American products and sell its own, can real prosperity be restored to this country. Not only that, but every one connected with the Administration knows that the 1924 election will be determined more on the business condition of this country at that time than on how experts would appraise the accomplishments of the Administration.

## Harding Hoped for Delay

It was hoped for a long time by President Harding that the proposed Genoa conference would be postponed

## Harding and Party Depart for Week's Vacation in Florida

## Washington, March 8.—Accompanied by Mrs. Harding and a small party of friends in official life, President Harding left Washington early this evening to pass a week in Florida in rest and recreation.

The President left the capital at 5 o'clock on a special section of a regular Atlantic Coast Line train, and will arrive in St. Augustine, where he plans to spend most of the week's vacation, at 6 o'clock Thursday night. The Presidential party, in addition to the President and Mrs. Harding, included Attorney General Daugherty, Speaker Gillett of the House of Representatives, Under Secretary Fletcher of the State Department, Brigadier General Sawyer, his personal physician, and George B. Christian Jr., his secretary.

During his stay in Florida the President, it was said at the White House before his departure, will attempt, so far as possible, to cast aside official cares and get as much rest and recreation as possible, the trip being the only vacation of any kind that he has taken since last summer and the longest period of rest he has enjoyed since his inauguration, a little more than a year ago. He plans to pass much of the time in golf over courses near St. Augustine, and may visit other courses in that section of Florida.

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## Miss Hughes, Daughter of Secretary, Betrothed

## Engagement to C. L. Waddell, of New York, Is Announced at Washington

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The engagement of Catherine Hughes, daughter of the Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes, to Clarence L. Waddell, of New York City, was announced to-night by her parents.

Miss Hughes was graduated from Wellesley College in 1920. Her fiancé is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Waddell, of Greenfield, Ohio. He was a member of the class of 1918, Harvard College, and was in the air service in the World War. Mr. Waddell now is associated with Dillon, Read & Co., of New York City.

## Opposition to Rules Suspension

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