

RESERVE PLAN HEARINGS BEGIN ON JANUARY 2

Data as to Division of Country Will Be Gathered in Fifteen Cities.

Organization Committee Announces Political Influence and Local Pride Will Be Disregarded.

The organization committee of the Federal reserve system provided for by the Glass-Owen currency law, consisting of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston, yesterday issued a statement setting forth plans for the next two months.

The committee will hold hearings in fifteen cities in various sections to gather information as to the proper division of the country into reserve districts and the designation of a reserve city in each district.

The hearings will end March 1, according to the present plan. The committee will divide the United States into from eight to twelve districts and designate the same number of reserve cities.

From the location of the cities chosen for the hearings, it is judged that the committee tentatively is inclined to believe that ten reserve districts should be organized at the inauguration which Secretary McAdoo formed, it is understood, when the Glass-Owen law was under consideration by Congress.

It was determined that the organization committee will have hearings in various important cities in the country for the purpose of securing the views of bankers and business men as to the division of the country into Federal reserve districts, and the location in each district of the head office of the Federal reserve banks, which are to be established under the Federal reserve act.

The following cities were selected: New York, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Denver, Seattle, Portland, Ore., San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Tex., New Orleans, Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Cleveland. In these cities opportunity will be given to bankers and business men from contiguous territory to present their views.

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Popular Demonstration Held in Honor of Mexican Envoy.

Tokyo, Dec. 26.—The climax of a popular demonstration over Francisco de la Barra, Mexico's envoy to Japan, resolutions were adopted today at a great mass meeting condemning the United States for "discriminating" against the Mexican republic, and demanding that Japan refuse to participate in the Panama-Pacific exposition.

The demonstration followed the opening of the Diet by Emperor Yoshihito with a speech in which he announced that friendly relations existed with all the powers and emphasized the strength of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

After the Diet had adjourned, a great torchlight procession was formed in the streets by the classes, who have made de la Barra a hero and marched to the envoy's hotel. There, after a serenade, members of Parliament and other leaders of the anti-American protest welcomed de la Barra.

CANAL TREATY HAS OPPOSITION

Secretary Bryan's Proposed Pact with Nicaragua to Be Bitterly Fought.

Secretary Bryan's proposed treaty with Nicaragua, designed to give the United States the exclusive right in perpetuity to build a canal through San Juan River and Nicaragua Lake, and to lease for ninety-nine years two islands in the Atlantic and a naval station in the Gulf of Fonseca will meet with determined opposition when it comes up for ratification in the Senate after the holidays.

A formidable delegation from Central America is in Washington to oppose the ratification of the treaty. In this delegation are Nicaraguans and members of the liberal parties of Honduras, Salvador, Costa Rica, and Guatemala.

One of the most prominent delegates now in Washington opposing the ratification of the treaty is Dr. Policarpo Bonilla, a former president of Honduras. He is being assisted by Dr. Julian Iria, a liberal leader of Nicaragua.

A manifesto has been in circulation in Washington put out by the Salvadoran committee representing the Central American National Association, and signed by Frederic Penado, chairman of the committee, which deals with American intervention in Central American affairs in recent years and assails the proposed Nicaraguan treaty.

An attack is made on dollar diplomacy. Complaint is made that the \$2,000,000 which the United States is to pay for the concessions, is too little. The point is made that the wages for use in the San Juan canal are being paid in the United States as well as those of Nicaragua and that therefore these two countries have a right to be heard in protest against the concessions.

It is evident from the views expressed by some Senators that the opposition to the ratification of the proposed treaty will not be confined to the delegation from the Central American States now in Washington. One or two members of the Foreign Relations Committee have expressed the opinion that the proposed treaty is even more offensive to a sound national policy than was the "dollar diplomacy" which was a feature of the Taft administration.

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Society Gathers at Renaissance Ball MRS. W. F. DRAPER HOSTESS AT CHARMING AFFAIR

Familiar Characters of History Portrayed, While the Modern Tango and Turkey Trot Give Way to Stately Minuet—Most Brilliant Function of the Season.

By NATALIE S. LINCOLN. Familiar characters of history were reproduced last night when Mrs. William F. Draper gave a Renaissance ball at her hospitable home in Farragut square, and the hostess scored one of the biggest successes of her notable social career.

The ball proved to be one of the most beautiful and artistic entertainments ever given in Washington, and set a new standard for ambitious hostesses to follow.

Forgotten was the modern tango and the turkey-trot, and the belles and beaux of fashionable society at the National Capital, attired in the richest raiment and jewels, trod the stately minuet and other measures of a bygone age in a manner which the great ladies and gallants of past centuries would have envied.

The many superb costumes were rivaled in beauty by the decorations of the house. The arch leading to the ball-room was festooned with Southern smilax, American Beauty roses, and broad bands of American beauty ribbon.

The graceful pillars in the ball-room were twined with smilax and great vases of American Beauty roses were used in decorating the other rooms.

Mrs. Draper wore a magnificent medieval costume of violet velvet, opening over a white satin petticoat embroidered with crystals, and trimmed with a point de venise Medici ruff. Her Medici cap had a pear-shaped pearl diadem. Her jewels were her famous pearl necklace of pear-shaped pearls, four ropes of pearls, a dog collar, and a bouquet de corsage of pearls and diamonds. She carried a bag at her side, according to the costume of the period. Her costume represented Marie de Valois.

Miss Margaret Draper represented Queen Marie of Anjou, wife of Charles VII of France. Her costume was of a rose-colored brocade petticoat embroidered with silver threads. Bands of ermine down the front of the gown and around the skirt added to its richness. The waist was caught together by gold cords with mock jewel bands upon the girde. She carried a large white bag at her side. She wore three strands of pearls around her neck.

Her headpiece was of gold embroidered in jewels. Her lovely hair was braided in two large plaits and worn down the front of her dress, hanging below her waist. From the headpiece a long Brussels net veil fell in graceful lines nearly to the hem of her skirt.

The ball was opened with a grand march, led by Miss Margaret Draper and Count Christian Bernstorff, son of the German Ambassador, of the period, in their gorgeous costumes of the evening, and at midnight a seated supper was served. Each table was decorated with a real miniature rose tree of pink roses and bouquets for the guests.

Seiden's society entered into the spirit of a costume ball. The many distinguished Washingtonians invited vied to outshine each other. The sparkle of many precious jewels and the glitter of gold in the soft sheen of rich satins and silks made the scene one not easily forgotten. Most of the costumes, besides their beauty, were historically correct.

Count Gunther von Bernstorff's costume was that of a court gentleman at the time of Louis XVI, and was richly embellished with gold lace.

Gov. in Person's Costume. Mile. Ernestine van Rappard was lovely in a peasant's costume of Moven-Age, the gown having a black satin skirt, the waist of red satin laced over a white chemise. Her handsome hairdo was of black satin, and a blue satin apron completed her costume.

Miss Nona McAdoo wore a rich Persian costume representing that period of Persia's history.

Miss Helen Walcott was charming as Queen Clotilde, of France, and her costume was one of the handsomest at the ball.

Miss Louise Helen wore an Elizabethan costume of quaint old blue brocade trimmed with gold colored satin.

Miss Adelaide Gold was gowned in a

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ATTEMPT TO WRECK FAST TRAIN Spikes Are Pulled from Rails on Northwestern Road.

Granville, Wis., Dec. 26.—An attempt was made to wreck Chicago and Northwestern express, carrying 200 passengers, by tampering with the electric signal block and pulling the spikes from the rails, near here today.

W. J. Dalley, superintendent of the Wisconsin division of the road, declared that many of the passengers would have met death or injury if the discovery of the spikeless rails had not been made in the nick of time.

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—Photo by Twiss.

WILSON IN ROLE OF FIRE CHIEF

President, Passing House, Sees Flames and Organizes Bucket Brigade.

QUENCH BLAZE QUICKLY Executive Directs Secret Service Men and Chauffeurs from Place in Auto.

Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 26.—President Wilson and his golfing party were today recruited into service as firemen when a blaze broke out in one of the leading residences of the city as his motor passed by. When smoke issued from the home belonging to "Cyclone Jim" Noville, a leading attorney, the President ordered his car to stop and two Secret Service men and two chauffeurs were pressed into service as a bucket brigade while the President directed their efforts.

The blaze was quickly checked and the President was hailed by an admiring crowd around as the best fireman who ever came to Gulfport.

President Wilson is proud of the fact that he was the first to discover the fire. He saw flames before the local fire department had been notified or before any one within had knowledge of it.

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MILLIONAIRE IS MISSING.

Bride Suspects Post Play, but Friends Tell of Big Debts. New Orleans, La., Dec. 26.—Walter Patziger, reputed to be one of New Orleans' wealthiest citizens, is missing. His young bride believes he was assassinated, but friends say he has left behind him debts and claims totaling a quarter of a million dollars.

He was receiver for the Teutonic Bank, but today was removed. In the last ten years he has handled millions of dollars. He was the adviser of former Governor Sanders during the latter's administration and is related to some of the South's wealthiest families.

"SLAVE" FILMS MUST GO. Temporary Injunction Against the Police is Dismissed.

New York, Dec. 26.—The police crusade against objectionable moving pictures was upheld today when Supreme Court Justice Gavan dismissed the temporary injunction prohibiting "The Inside of the White Slave Traffic" at the Park Theatre.

DEATH RIDES COAST STORM

Gale and High Seas Play Havoc Along Jersey Beaches.

TWO BARGES FOUNDER New York Water Front Suffers Heavy Damage—Nine Lives Are Lost.

New York, Dec. 26.—Nine lives and a property loss that will amount into the millions was the toll taken by a great wind and rain storm that swept the Atlantic coast and the region about New York today.

The casters of two coal barges, the A. C. Hoopes and the Undaunted, with four seamen, their entire crew, lost their lives when the barges foundered off Forked River, N. J. The barges were swept away from the tug towing them and thrown upon the beach by the terrific gale and sea.

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Citizens, Angered by Accusations of Blame for Horror, Take Action.

PANIC DUE TO ACCIDENT Prosecuting Attorney Says Grand Jury Need Not Act—No Blame Placed.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 26.—President Charles H. Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, left the copper country hurriedly tonight and is aboard a Chicago-bound train. With Moyer when he fled was an associate, believed to be an officer of the federation. They were joined on the train by three hunky men, who seemed to be acting as a bodyguard. The precipitate departure of Moyer followed the visit of a committee of Houghton, Calumet, and Hancock business men to Moyer's rooms in the Scott Hotel at Hancock. Because of statements made by Moyer following the Christmas Eve catastrophe at Italian Hall, and because of his refusal to allow suffering strikers to accept relief from the Citizens' Alliance fund, considerable ill-feeling has sprung up among the business interests of this region.

It is intimated here that the committee asked Moyer to retract his statements placing the blame for the loss of the seventy-five lives on the shoulders of the Citizens' Alliance and those in sympathy with the mining companies. This Moyer is said to have refused to do, and the committee then advised him to leave the district, according to the story told here. Shortly after the committee left Moyer went to Houghton and boarded a train.

Holds Horror an Accident. Prosecuting Attorney Anthony Lucas, who is conducting the investigation into Wednesday night's panic in Italian Hall, which cost the lives of seventy-five persons, is convinced that the catastrophe was an accident. He does not believe it will be necessary for the grand jury to make an investigation, but says that the responsibility for the affair will be settled by the county jury. The better of Lucas' opinion is that the story told here. Shortly after the committee left Moyer went to Houghton and boarded a train.

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