

CLARK NAMES MEMBERS FOR FISCAL BOARD

Rainey, Gard and Cooper to Represent House on Committee.

FINDS TASK DIFFICULT

Speaker Explains He Sought Men Uninfluenced by Neighborhood Ties.

FIRST MEETING IN A WEEK

In September Hearings Will Be Instituted and Real Work of Investigation Begun.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

Speaker Clark last night announced the names of the three House members of the Joint Congressional Committee to investigate the fiscal relationship between the District of Columbia and the Federal government.

Judge William T. Rainey, of Illinois, progressive Democrat. Judge Warren Gard, of Ohio, conservative Democrat. Representative Henry A. Cooper, of Wisconsin, progressive Republican.

The speaker had no little difficulty in reaching a decision. He selected two men who have publicly proven their worth, and a third, Judge Gard, whose two years' service in the House has not brought him international prominence.

Speaker Explains Choice. In announcing his appointments, the speaker said:

"I have tried to select men who are not only men of the District, who are not too much influenced by the ties of neighborhood, but men who are men of the nation, men who are men of the world."

It is understood that a preliminary meeting of the committee will be held on Monday next, after which a report will be taken into consideration in September, when the committee will be organized and the real work commenced.

Judge Gard is one of the leading progressive Democrats of the House. He is the ranking Democrat on the committee on the District of Columbia, and is known for his interest in cooperation and peaceful subjects, and is a man of wealth, and is a member of the House of Representatives.

While one of the three members of the committee has not an extensive experience in the House, the other two are men who have traveled and seen and who are in a position to appreciate the difference between the problem of maintaining a National Capital and an ordinary city of 250,000 inhabitants.

Judge Rainey graduated from Amherst College in 1881 with the degree of A. B. Three years later his college conferred the degree of A. M. In the meantime he had graduated from Union College of Law, Chicago, with the degree of B. L., and been admitted to the Illinois bar, practicing in the place of his birth, Carleton, his present home.

Twenty-two years in the House has seen a longer continuous service than Mr. Cooper, who now is about to embark upon his twenty-third year in the House. In the next House there will be only two men who will have seen as much continuous service.

Mr. Cooper is the ranking Republican on the Foreign Affairs Committee. He is a man of broad culture, much traveled and widely read. He is a lawyer by profession, though he took his A. B. degree before his B. L. While he was voted always against warlike attacks upon the existing order here, he has thought for some time that the problem should be made the subject of an investigation, and in the last Congress introduced a resolution calling for the appointment of a mixed commission for the purpose.

PORTUGAL FACES CIVIL WAR; THOUSANDS FLEE

Fearing Riots, Lisbon Populace Takes to Flight—Move to Impeach President as Dictator.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Lisbon, March 7.—A bill of impeachment against the government and the President of the republic has been introduced by a radical member of Parliament, charging them with the establishment of a dictatorship.

Badajoz, Spain, March 7.—Persons arriving here from Portugal state that many of the populace of Lisbon are fleeing to the mountains or to the possible outbreak of civil war. The situation is becoming more grave at every moment. The Socialists and Republicans have held meetings and promulgated protests against what they describe as dictatorship. Many towns have refused to obey the orders of the government, which are stringent with the object of suppressing the disaffection.

The cruiser Adamastor has gone to Oporto in anticipation of possible riots at the funeral of Senor Cardeosa, whose assassin, Enrique Mirarez, committed suicide.

The Portuguese Minister to Paris, in resigning his position, affirms that as a representative of the "regime of liberty," he refuses to serve either "a dictatorship or the dictators."

THAW IS SILENT ON TRIAL TODAY

Noted Prisoner Primes Legal Guns for Fight to Gain Liberty.

FIVE OTHERS FACE JUDGE

Men Accused of Conspiring with Him for Escape from Matteawan Also Will Go Before Jury.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

New York, March 7.—In the old chamber of the criminal branch of the Supreme Court, where he made his two successive fights for life, Harry K. Thaw will go on trial again tomorrow, this time before Justice Page, on a charge of conspiracy to escape out of his cell from Matteawan August 17, 1912.

Thaw and his friends believe that this is the beginning of the end of his troubles. Out of the proceedings which will be begun today they feel he will eventually, even though it be through a form of imprisonment on Blackwell's Island, be set at liberty, with the question of his sanity finally set at rest.

In the Tombs today Thaw was cheerful, despite a cold and stiff neck. He repeatedly expressed the hope that no one would record him as haughty if he walked into court with his head high in the air. His eyes bright and his complexion clear, the famous prisoner smoked his pipe thoughtfully and declared himself ready for the ordeal.

In Attorney's Hands. "I know nothing of the plans in my behalf. I am entirely in the hands of my attorneys."

John B. Stanchfield, who will conduct the defense of Thaw, merely said he had everything in readiness. In reply to the various rumors that he had a surprise to spring on the State, or that he would offer no defense for Thaw, he refused to make any comment. One of the persistent rumors is that Mr. Stanchfield at the beginning of proceedings tomorrow will plunge the whole case into a human proceeding by pointing out the impossibility of trying an insane man for conspiracy, and asking that a commission be appointed to pass on the sanity of the defendant before he was compelled to go to trial. This would bring the whole question of Thaw's sanity, which must be determined before he is returned to Matteawan, before the court at once.

Called to the bar with Thaw tomorrow will be Roger Thompson, Richard Butler, Eugene Duffy, Michael O'Keefe and Thomas Flood, charged with having conspired with him and aided in his escape. The State will try all the defendants at once unless they insist upon separate trials, which is not expected.

\$3,000,000 IN VAULTS WHILE JOBLESS PINE

Money that Would Give Work to Two Thousand Lies Idle in the Treasury.

BIG PROJECTS PENDING

In Many Instances Officials Have Not Even Awarded the Contracts.

DISTRICT BOARD DALLIES

Federal Enterprises in Capital and Environs Also Delayed by Red Tape.

Table with 2 columns: Funds Available in Unemployment Situation, and Amount. Includes items like Under direction of District Commissioners, Under direction of Secretary McAdoo, Total in U. S. Treasury, etc.

In the vaults of the Treasury of the United States is \$3,000,000 which Congress has said shall be spent for public projects in the District of Columbia, and if this money is used without further delay it will give work to about 2,000 of the District's unemployed before the end of summer.

The Commissioners have authority to spend about \$1,200,000 of the \$3,000,000, and according to the statements of officials at the Municipal Building, there is to be no more delay in getting under way the building operations for the end of summer.

If the Commissioners do not delay longer they will have work for about 800 jobless men before summer ends. A large part of the 800 men could have been working during the recent cold months when the bread line was longest, as most of the \$3,000,000 has been available for many months.

McAdoo Has \$1,600,000. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has charge of the expenditure of about \$1,600,000 of the \$3,000,000 appropriated. Mr. McAdoo leaves this part of his work to Oscar Wendorff, supervising architect of the Treasury. Whether Mr. Wendorff will start the building projects before summer ends is a question.

The office of the supervising architect is about two years behind in its work, according to the statement of an architect who knows the inside working of the office. That is why Mr. Wendorff didn't spend the \$3,000,000 this winter, when the suffering from unemployment and cold weather was most acute.

Elliott Woods, Superintendent of the Capitol, has taken sturdy cognizance of the unemployment situation. Congress gave him \$50,000 to clean up the Plaza. Mr. Woods turned the work over to contractors. The contractors took their own sweet time about the work and now, with winter about to end, only \$12,000 of the \$50,000 has been spent.

Mr. Woods knows that all the \$50,000 should have been spent during the cold months when hungry men were crying for work.

ITALY TO JOIN ALLIES IF GREECE INTERVENES

Athens' Action May Force Rome to Abandon Neutrality—Noncommissioned Officers Called to Colors.

By CAMILLO CIANFARRA.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Rome, March 7.—A sudden recall to the colors today of all the noncommissioned officers belonging to the four classes of the Italian army, together with other military measures which are pending before Parliament, has filled the city with reports, according to which important developments are imminent.

Messages from Berlin and Vienna indicate that the Teutonic empires have given up hope of Italy remaining neutral. The statement published in Berlin that a critical point in the negotiations between Austria and Italy has been reached, although it admits that it is not possible to predict at this time whether the rupture will take place tomorrow or next week, has caused a profound sensation here.

Today dispatches which through the corridors of Parliament openly admitted that any further delay was not advisable, as intervention by Greece would mean an irreparable loss to Italy's sphere of influence in Asia Minor in favor of Greece. Catholic circles confirm the report that the clergy now is co-operating with the civil authorities all over the kingdom in preparing public opinion for the worst.

WELL-BRED LAD LURED BY DRUGS

Knew Gang of "Dope Fiends" Who Gathered in Ninth Street Room.

SOLD IT THERE OPENLY

Mother Called Doctor and Youth Sent to Maryland School, Where He Is Recovering from Influence.

A boy of 18, member of a good Washington family, is at a Maryland school trying to overcome the influence of association with a gang of "dope fiends" who had headquarters in a "club" billiard room in Ninth street, near G street northwest.

The boy's mother yesterday told The Herald what she knew of the "club"—a notorious hangout of drug fiends—most of them in their teens, who spend their time exchanging "blows" of heroin and other drugs and in gambling.

Stayed Out Later and Later. "My boy never showed any signs of evil-doing," said the mother, "he was gentle, and I have never known him to drink. He never smoked when he was at home. Several years ago he started to stay out late. I asked him where he had been, and he told me he was at the billiard room."

"He stayed out later and later, until he seldom came home until after midnight. Then he started to stay out until 4 or 5 o'clock in the morning. I questioned him and asked him what he did. He told me something of the crowd he went with—a set of boys who congregated at the billiard room to take drugs—heroin, I believe."

Found Him in Billiard Room. "I never thought my boy would take a drug, but I did not want him subjected to bad influence. I asked him to stay away from the pool room. He promised me he would not go there. When, after a short time, he resumed his late hours, I used to send to the billiard room for him. I was told always that he had not been there."

"I sent an employe for him finally, and found him there. A back room of the 'club' was used by known drug fiends. Drugs were sold there openly. I found that my boy came home drowsy and ill-tempered. He would become enraged on no provocation. I tried to get him to go to a doctor, but he would not. I asked him if he used a drug, and he showed me his arms and said that if he had used 'dope' the marks of a hypodermic needle would show. I found later that most of the crowd inhaled drugs, or took them internally."

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250,000 GERMANS KILLED. London, March 7.—The military expert of the London Times estimates the German casualties at not more than 1,500,000, including 200,000 dead and 1,500,000 wounded, of whom 50 per cent probably will rejoin their colors.

On this calculation, with 20,000 dead and 25,000 permanently disabled, and 20,000 constantly sick, the net loss is 1,125,000. Even if the casualty lists are not up to date, it is difficult to suppose the permanent loss is more than 1,000,000, or just half the recent French estimate.

WIFE IS DYING WHILE HUSBAND RAVES IN CELL

Claude D. Allen, Unnerved by Tragedy, Kept Under Police Watch.

CHILD SEES SHOOTING

Old Weapon Explodes While Former Soldier Is Cleaning It.

DEATH MAY BE THE RESULT

"I Don't Know How It Happened," Says Victim, Recovering Consciousness for a Moment.

Claude D. Allen, 35 years old, once a cavalryman in the Philippines and now an employe at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, shot and probably fatally wounded his wife, Mrs. Carrie Allen, 32 years old, while cleaning a revolver in the kitchen of their home at 1223 Pessant street southeast shortly before noon yesterday.

Mrs. Allen was preparing vegetables for dinner. Claudia Allen, a 3-year-old daughter, was toddling about the kitchen floor. Allen was standing beside his wife, cleaning the revolver. The weapon was old, of cheap manufacture, and its chamber contained two .38 caliber bullets. Allen had the pistol at half-cock, trying to remove the chamber cylinder.

Can't Recall Details. "That's about all I can recall," said Allen in explaining the shooting to the police. "Carrie spoke to me about something commonplace—I don't remember what it was—and I looked at her when I answered. In that instant the revolver was discharged. I don't know whether I pulled the trigger or not. Maybe I thought the hammer was at safety when it wasn't."

When the revolver exploded, Mrs. Allen staggered and fell in her husband's arms. The bullet had entered her right eye, passed through her head and out behind the left ear. Allen ran to the home of Dr. Joseph Mundell, a few doors away, and called the physician. Mrs. Allen was conscious when the physician arrived. Asked how it happened, the woman replied, "I don't know."

She lost consciousness and had not regained her senses at an early hour this morning. She is at Casualty Hospital. Physicians say she has one chance in a hundred. Her husband is in a cell at the Eleventh precinct station. A charge of assault with a deadly weapon was entered before the shooting had been investigated.

For several hours following his arrest Allen was on the verge of complete mental collapse. He paced back and forth in the little cell, alternately moaning pitifully and giving vent to violent exclamations. Occasionally he stopped and thrust his hands between the bars to welcome friends and relatives who called.

Believe Shooting Accidental. Investigation by the police has led them to believe Allen's story that the shooting was accidental. The man was so unnerved by the shooting that he was kept under watch. Sgt. Karl Scherer spent the night by the bedside of the wife with orders to record any words she might utter.

Allen's children, Claudia, Arthur, aged 7, and Ellen, 10 years old, spent the night with their grandmother, Mrs. Martha Allen, of 126 Monroe street northwest.

GRIPPE GERM DOESN'T RESPECT 'SOFT' DRINKS

He Hurks in Soda Glasses as Well as in Beer Mugs and Whiskey Tumblers, Says Dr. Woodward.

With an epidemic of la gripe sweeping the National Capital and hundreds of persons afflicted, Dr. William C. Woodward, health officer of the District, yesterday gave The Herald information which may aid in avoiding the disease.

"Grippe," said Dr. Woodward, "is contracted wholly through contagion. A person may catch the gripe in a poorly ventilated street car, theater, church, school, cafe, office, or school. The best thing to do when gripe is contracted is to go to bed and call a doctor."

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French Sweep Vosges, Threatening German Lines on the Rhine

New Offensive, Under Gen. Gallieni, Menaces Munster, Last Obstacle to Advance on Colmar, Altkirch and Muelhausen. Joffre Strikes at Teutons' Line of Communications.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, March 7.—As a climax to a week's furious fighting in the Vosges the French now are pushing rapidly on Munster, the last remaining obstacle to their advance on Colmar, key to the center positions of the Rhine line of Germans. Munster is ten miles west of Colmar, which already is under bombardment by the French aviators. If successful in piercing the German line back of Colmar the French will place in a difficult position the army which is holding Muelhausen and Altkirch against French forces operating from Belfort to the southwest.

Development of the fighting in the northern Vosges has been rapid, while the operations against Muelhausen and Altkirch practically have been suspended. Evidently Gen. Gallieni is aiming to cut off Muelhausen and Altkirch by severing their lines of communication and supplies, frontal attacks having failed on account of the strength of the German position at these two points.

Reports from Paris tonight state that two important heights, Little and Great Reichacker-Kopf, two miles west of Munster were captured by the French today by a flanking movement, a number of prisoners being taken in the operation. The Germans directed counterattacks from Muhlbach, to the south, and St. Osswehr, to the southeast, but these were repulsed.

FRENCH CAPTURE TOWN. On the right bank of the Fecht River in the valley in which Munster is located, the French also seized the town of Inberg, while across the river, south of Huteshutes, they captured the height designated on the military maps as hill No. 86.

Farther to the south, where another column is threatening the right flank of the German army, whose left rests on Altkirch, the battle at Hartmannsweiler-Kopf, now weeks old, is progressing with undiminished fury. Yesterday a German battalion which attacked the French on the slopes of the height was badly cut up, and whole sections of prisoners taken, many dead and wounded being left on the field. Today five more counterattacks likewise were repulsed.

The German report declares that the battle begun yesterday to the west of Munster and north of Cernay (Sennheim) have not yet reached a decision. The latter field evidently refers to the operations about Hartmannsweiler-Kopf. "Sennheim continues to be the cockpit of the fighting on the center of the western battle front. Today, the French repulsed the Germans on the crest of the ridge north of Neasil. Berlin flatly contradicts this claim, stating that the French attacks broke under the German artillery and musketry fire, with heavy losses to the attackers."

TOURNAINE FIRE OUT, LINER HEADS FOR HAVRE

Agent in New York Gets Message That Danger Is Over and Steamer Is Proceeding Under Own Steam.

New York, March 7.—Oscar R. Cauchols, assistant general of the Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique, stated tonight that he had received news that the "fire on board the La Touraine is out, and she is now proceeding to Havre under her own steam. She is expected to arrive at that port on Monday evening."

According to Mr. Cauchols the message stated that the fire has been confined to one compartment, and that there were no casualties.

Paris, March 7.—The fire aboard the French liner La Touraine is practically under control and the liner is proceeding slowly under her own steam to Havre, where she expects to dock tomorrow evening.

The following wireless was received this afternoon from Capt. Caussin, of La Touraine, by the Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique: "La Touraine, with fire in one hold asked for help, but is proceeding to her destination, escorted by the Rotterdam. I hope to be able to master the fire. There is no immediate danger. The weather is fine, but misty. I hope to dock Monday evening if everything goes well."

(Signed) "CAUSSIN."

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Mrs. Phillips has been in a hospital since the tragedy, and may die.

BRITISH SILENCE GUNS AT SMYRNA; TURKS IN FLIGHT

Batteries on Heights Reduced, Squadron Engages Ferts Guarding Harbor.

DUEL IN DARDANELLES

Two Dreadnoughts Engage Fort Kild Bahr—Ottomans' Shells Fall Short.

MAIN FLEET OUTSIDE STRAITS

Allies Must Destroy Three Defenses Before They Can Advance Further Toward Constantinople.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, March 7.—According to a Reuter telegram from Athens, the batteries on the Height of Smyrna have been silenced.

An English squadron is bombarding the forts at the entrance of the Gulf of Smyrna.

Athens, March 7.—Fifteen of the allied ships bombarded the Smyrna forts, one of which, named the Two Sisters, was destroyed. The inhabitants of the town fleeing to the interior, panic-stricken.

The warships now are firing against the forts defending the harbor of Smyrna. This morning at 9:30 o'clock the bombardment of the Dardanelles forts was resumed. The British Queen Elizabeth, leading the fleet in the straits from the Gulf of Saros. The attack directed against the recently placed fortifications on the heights was successful. One Turkish battery was reduced by the British fire.

Duel with Forts. A telegram from the Island of Tenedos states that the allied fleet are in action against the Dardanelles forts from the mouth of the Menderes River. None of the battleships has yet gone farther up.

Only after the destruction of the forts Kild Bahr, Hamidieh, and Medidieh will they be able to advance further in their course toward Constantinople. The battleships Duncan and Queen Elizabeth are engaged in a duel with Fort Kild Bahr. The Turks have kept up a lively fire and some of their shells have fallen close to the besieging ships. One shell from the Queen Elizabeth was observed to produce enormous damage on the fort.

Eye-Witnesses Tell Story. Kild Bahr is equipped with twenty-two large guns, which are continually being unmasked. Nevertheless, sailing vessels, in conjunction with submarines, are kept busy removing mines, their operations being protected by the fire of the two British men-of-war.

The following account of the bombardment of the Dardanelles was given today by an eye-witness: "On nearing Tenedos we made out the allied fleet in battle formation at the entrance to the Straits of Hellespont. Among the fleet were two liners serving as hospital ships. Around the Rabbit Islands were anchored special craft, which, during the night, were engaged in removing mines. Torpedo boats, steaming at high speed, were passing quickly hither and thither."

"The allied fleet usually begins action in the afternoon. Exactly at 1 o'clock two battleships detached themselves, entered the straits at full speed, passed Forts Kums-Kalls and Sedd-el-Bahr, and continuing at full speed, reached Horta."

"Suddenly, flashes which came in rapid succession were visible, followed by the terrific sound of heavy cannonades. Then came tremendous spouts of water, showing where the Turkish shells fell."

"They were wide of the mark, and the two battleships replied. I could see flashes from their broadsides, while the whole atmosphere vibrated with the terrific sound. Fort Kild-Bahr disappeared from view in a whirlwind of smoke and huge clouds of dust caused by bursting shells. As a result of this, my view of the fort was completely obscured, but I could still see flashes of cannon piercing the heavy screen of clouds, dust, spray and smoke."

MASTERPIECE IN A SOLOON. Arthur Elkins' "Sierra Madre" Discovered in Chicago. Chicago, March 7.—Years of search for the missing millions of Henry Arthur Elkins, one of America's foremost artists and one of the first "Chicagoans" to achieve lasting fame, were found today in the discovery of his masterpiece, "The Sierra Madre" in a Loop saloon.

Elkins died in 1881 and his most valuable works, it is claimed, were stolen from his studio shortly after his death.

Five Die in Mine Blast. Madrid, March 7.—An explosion in the Grestia Cabaon de Yaca coal mines at Belmonte today caused the collapse of a gallery, killing five men and injuring fourteen.

FLIERS SOAR 10,000 TIMES. French Military Airmen Up 18,000 Hours Since War Began. Paris, March 7.—Statistics issued tonight of the accomplishments of the aerial service from the time of mobilization until the last day of January show the following results: Altogether the squadron in the six months of war has made about 10,000 reconnaissance, comprising more than 18,000 hours flight. The aggregate distance covered in these flights is 1,300,000 kilometers.

Disabled Warship Sprung Leak. New York, March 7.—The U. S. S. Maine, which sprung a leak yesterday, was examined today in drydock at Brooklyn Navy Yard. The authorities say there is nothing serious the matter. Rear Admiral Usher denied there was any possibility of the Maine sinking.

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