

CRITICAL DAYS FOR U. S., VIEW OF ROBERT LANSING

State Department Counselor Defends Administration and Reviews War Problems.

NEW YORK, February 25.—Robert Lansing, counselor for the State Department, in a speech before seven hundred alumni of Amherst College at their annual banquet here last night, declared that these were critical days for the United States.

Mr. Lansing expressed disapproval of the suggestion that diplomatic officers be placed under civil service rules, and defended President Wilson when Secretary Bryan against criticism that they failed to retain diplomats who had been named by former administrations.

Not in Touch With Administration.

These diplomats could not be expected, he said, to support the foreign policies of the present administration.

Mr. Lansing said that diplomatic officers were sympathetic with the policies and were enthusiastic in carrying them out, the success of the policies depended, he asserted.

"I must say that the emphatic opinions of some of our former representatives are rather amusing, when one considers that they would never have been appointed under civil service rules," said Mr. Lansing.

"When it comes to the principal posts abroad I am strongly opposed to tying the hands of the President in any way. If we had obtained all our ambassadors and ministers by promotion we would not have had such men as Lord as E. J. Phelps and Joseph H. Choate, or men like Myron T. Herrick and Brand Whitlock. Such men, in my experience in diplomatic practice, but equipped with qualities which command respect and achieve success, are the ones who have brought lustre to American diplomacy.

Confronted by Novel Problems.

"Diplomacy today is wrestling with novel problems, to which it must apply natural justice and practical common sense. Neutral nations have to meet a series of problems which have never been solved. The liability of error, the danger of unintentional partiality and the constant complaint of one or another of the belligerents make the path of neutrality rough and uncertain.

FACADE OF ASSAY OFFICE GIFT TO MUSEUM OF ART

Government Building in Wall Street, New York, to Be Replaced With Modern Structure.

NEW YORK, February 25.—The facade of the assay office adjoining the treasury in Wall street, which it had been decided to replace with a modern structure, has been presented to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, on condition that he will remove it without expense to the government.

Architects retained by the museum will make drawings of the facade as it now stands, and every block of stone before being taken down will be numbered, that it may be re-erected on a new site exactly as it stands today.

New Museum Building in Prospect.

It was learned today that the Metropolitan Museum trustees hope to erect a new building in connection with the museum to house an Americana collection, the nucleus of which has been presented to the museum by Mrs. Russell Sage. If these plans are carried out the assay office facade will form the front of the new building.

Peace Pact With Uruguay Ratified.

Secretary Bryan and Minister Pena of Uruguay yesterday exchanged ratifications of the peace commission treaty negotiated between the two governments several months ago.

GETS \$116,000 DAMAGES.

Supreme Court Rules for Coal Man in Rate Law Case.

The Hepburn rate law was interpreted by the Supreme Court Tuesday as authorizing the interstate commerce commission to award damages to shippers for unfair rates and discriminations, no matter of what date arising, provided claims were filed before August 28, 1907, which, the court held, was the date the act went into effect.

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INTEREST IN THE OATH ALIEN CITIZENS TAKE

Swear True Allegiance to United States Against All Other Sovereignties.

The fact that the United States has welcomed to its citizenship many persons of all countries of Europe now engaged in the world's greatest conflict, who are concerned about the fate of the lands that gave them birth, has aroused considerable interest in the oath that these aliens take in becoming naturalized Americans.

According to this oath they renounce absolutely all allegiance and fidelity to any other country and swear to support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States against any and all enemies with true faith and allegiance.

Minor Children of Aliens.

An interesting consideration affects those who are born in the United States of alien parents, or whose parents may become naturalized before these children reach their majority. According to the naturalization laws and regulations, if a minor is born in the United States he is an American citizen, regardless of the citizenship of his parents. If he comes to the United States as a minor and his parents become naturalized citizens, then the child becomes an American citizen upon attaining his majority. An alien minor who reaches his majority before naturalization papers are issued to his parents must follow the same procedure as would be required if he came to the United States after he was twenty-one.

Oath of Citizenship.

The oath taken by aliens when being naturalized is as follows: "I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty, and particularly to the emperor, king, queen, or other chief of state of Germany, of whom I have heretofore been a subject (and that I heretofore renounce the title of an order of nobility which I have heretofore held), and that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against any and all enemies, foreign and domestic; and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same."

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WANT WARSHIP TO CONVOY LINER THROUGH WAR ZONE

Tobacco Manufacturers Who Buy of Sumatra in Amsterdam Fear to Make Trip.

NEW YORK, February 25.—A committee of tobacco manufacturers who usually go to Amsterdam every spring to buy at auction their supplies of Sumatra tobacco for six months recently sent a letter to the Department of State telling of their fears to travel through the war zone and intimating that they would be glad if the authorities would send a battleship to convoy the vessel on which most of them would sail for Holland.

Government Declines Request.

An answer from Counselor Lansing of the State Department made public today by the Leaf Tobacco Board of Trade follows:

"You are informed that the department for the present in view of the disturbed condition of affairs in Europe leaves to each person contemplating a visit there to decide for himself whether or not it would be wiser to postpone his visit until affairs therein shall have resumed their normal state."

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FIVE BOARDS ABOLISHED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT

Measures of Defense Hereafter to Be Under Jurisdiction of One General Head.

Five special defense boards are abolished by War Department order promulgated today. The work which these special boards previously have done will hereafter be directed by a general board of review, composed of five to seven officers on detail in Washington, who will from time to time make recommendations regarding the country's defenses.

The membership of this board has not yet been determined by Secretary Garrison. In addition to the recommendations which the board of review may make from time to time, department commanders will be authorized to make other suggestions based upon the defensive needs of their respective jurisdictions.

The special boards which have been ordered dissolved are the national land defense board, which has been charged with looking to the proper protection of the land approaches of coast defenses; the Cape Henry defense board, the Long Island sound defense board, the Panama fortification board and the Philippine defense board.

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INDIANA RICH IN RELICS FOR ITS 1916 CENTENNIAL

State Senator Culbertson Tells of Many Early Institutions—Asks \$50,000 Appropriation.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., February 25.—An interesting picture of the early history of Indiana and the northwest territory was described in the Indiana senate yesterday by Senator Culbertson of Vincennes in speaking for a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the state's purchase of Indiana's first capitol at Corydon. The purchase of the old building will form part of the Indiana centennial in 1916.

The first legislative assembly, the first church, first newspaper, first Masonic chapter and first university west of the Alleghenies were founded at Vincennes, shortly after its settlement in 1702, according to Senator Culbertson. All of these institutions are still in existence and will play an important role in the centennial exercises next year.

"Alice of Old Vincennes," said Senator Culbertson, "is able to preserve its own historic relics and will not ask for state assistance."

Suit Advanced to April 5.

The government's anti-trust suit against the International Harvester Company has been advanced by the Supreme Court of the United States for argument April 5.

Pasadena, Cal., has 164 miles of streets and alleys.

Arizona in 1912 produced 350,000,000 pounds of copper.

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Only Two More Days Of Hechts' 25% Discount February Furniture Sale And people are still looking, not simply for bargain-price tags, but for the furniture they want in their homes. One way to have a Furniture Sale is to sweep up the cheap stuff on the market and hunch the people out of their money by talking bargains. The other way is to work for years and years and years to build up a great, sound business in furniture; to find out that will "fit" in homes where the people have a sense of harmony and beauty, that is true in its beauty just as it is sound in its quality, that has the quality of being loved, and never offends. But Neither Sale Will Be a Great Sale Unless It is a Sale of Furniture the People Want FURNITURE This Chair 98c This Reed Go-Cart \$12.65 This Bamboo Tabouret, 23c This Bamboo Book Rack, 79c This Fumed Oak Den Outfit, \$13.65 This Solid Oak Buffet Like Picture \$12.85 \$1.37 For This Shirt Waist Box Covered With Jap Matting. 25c a Week \$3.95 For This Massive Enamel Bed Not the usual "Special Sale" Bed, but a large, good-looking Two-inch CONTINUOUS Post Bed of guaranteed quality. Discount Sale of Rugs \$27.50 Axminster Rugs, \$18.65 \$16.50 Brussels Rugs, \$10.85 \$6.00 Rolls of China Matting \$3.35 \$7 Rolls of Jap Matting, \$3.98 \$24.50 Seamless Velvet Rugs \$13.85 \$4.00 Axminster Rugs, \$2.19 Mission Drop Light \$1.40 Drip Pan FREE

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