

by several hours. This town has a reception all planned. The postmaster is going to make a speech and there will be a dinner. After that they will be taken on one of the special trains down the line to Cochrane, where for the last week the Mayor has been arranging the biggest party ever seen in this part of the country.

### SENATE FIGHT INQUIRY FORECAST BY KING Daniels Asked of Purpose and Conditions.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.

A Senatorial investigation of the free balloon flight which landed three naval flyers in the wilds of Canada was forecast to-day by action of Senator King (Utah) in addressing a letter to Secretary of the Navy Daniels asking information concerning the flight, its purpose and the conditions under which it was undertaken. He explained that if the reply to his letter justified it he would ask an investigation.

Considerable sympathy with Senator King's purpose was expressed by other Senators interested in knowing the object of free balloon flights generally and anxious to know the real purpose of this one. Secretary Daniels was asked concerning the purpose of the flight to-day and said it was to secure "exercise."

The answer is not so humorous as it might seem in view of what naval flyers are experiencing. The term "exercise" is a technical one, meaning utilization of the balloon and the training of its operators in navigation.

Despite this explanation there are indications that the flyers set out to break a free balloon record and did so under conditions which proved extremely unfortunate.

It is part of Senator King's purpose to discover what provisions are made in the United States to determine air flying conditions and whether any precautions were taken before the commanding officer at Rockaway sent the naval flyers out on the frail gas bag.

According to Dr. Greck, in charge of the aerological division of the United States Weather Bureau, the bureau maintains only about thirteen stations for this purpose, meaning utilization of balloons as are maintained by some of the smallest countries of Europe.

Capt. Thomas Craven, chief of the Naval Air Service, complained to-day concerning lack of meteorological data in the United States. His intimation was that the lack of that information was responsible for the plight of the three balloons. Capt. Craven said the department had no information as to whether air conditions had been investigated by the commanding officer at Rockaway before sending up the three flyers.

Intimations given at the Navy Department were that a naval inquiry to investigate the fate of the naval balloons, Klour, Hinton and Farrell into the wilds of Canada would not be ordered. In spite of this, one is confidently expected, regardless of what the Senate may do.

### WILSON WORKS 2 HOURS DAY. Exertion Does Not Fatigue Him, Dr. Grayson Says.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—President Wilson is able to work two hours daily without fatigue, Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, his physician, said to-day in discussing the President's health. He added, however, that the President was not yet ready for a full day's work.

### RAYMOND THORNE KILLED. Heir to Fortune Victim of Motor Accident in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—Raymond C. Thorne of Chicago, son of W. C. Thorne, formerly acting president of Montgomery Ward & Co., was killed here to-day in an automobile accident. His body was found under an overturned automobile in the western part of the city.

### AWAITING ADMIRAL NIBLACK. Cherbourg, France, Jan. 10.—The United States torpedo boat destroyer McFarland left here to-day for Portsmouth, England, where she will take aboard Vice-Admiral Albert P. Niblack, who is coming to assume command of the American naval forces in European waters.

Admiral Niblack is due to arrive at Portsmouth on the cruiser Pittsborough, January 14.

### RECORD SNOW IN ROANOKE. Roanoke, Va., Jan. 10.—One of the heaviest snows in the history of Roanoke fell during the last twenty-four hours, having reached a depth of from 15 to 18 inches on a level. Vehicular traffic is practically suspended and at least one building has collapsed under the weight on its roof.

## PLAN FOR PARTIAL DISARMAMENT IS LAID BY HARDING

### Will Be Principle on Which New World Association Is to Be Worked Out.

### STATEMENT BY SHARP Former Ambassador Convinced President-Elect Will Ignore League.

### EXPLAINS FRANCE'S WISH Col. Galbraith Pleads for Treatment of Ex-Service Men Broken in Health.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. MANDON, Ohio, Jan. 10.—When William G. Sharp, former Ambassador to France, left the President-elect to-day he carried with him the definite belief that so far as the next administration is concerned the League of Nations simply does not exist.

All American proponents of the league have to hope for, Mr. Sharp is convinced, is that the world association plan now being worked out by Mr. Harding will contain a few of the ideas that were woven into the covenant.

Although a Democrat and a Wilson Ambassador, Mr. Sharp voted for Mr. Harding because both were born in Morrow county, Ohio, and came from the same neighborhood. Maybe there were other reasons, but the old home reason was the one Mr. Sharp emphasized. He felt free to speak frankly to the President-elect in advocacy of saving a part of the league, but the response was not favorable. His point that treaty and league are so interwoven as to be inseparable, or, at least, inseparable without great embarrassment and even hardship to European nations was not in tune with Mr. Harding's belief that such separation is possible.

Mr. Sharp's strongest argument was that France preferred to see the League of Nations preserved with the United States as a member, but here he ran counter to Mr. Harding's own conviction that the United States can act fairly and agreeably toward France without accepting membership in the League of Nations. He told Mr. Harding he hoped the coming Administration would take the lead for disarmament and he said subsequently that Mr. Harding has included partial disarmament among the principles upon which the new world association is to be worked out.

Senator Harding has outlined in general to me his idea of an establishment of international relationships which, while it is not on all fours with the league as I have favored it, yet embraces some of the most useful and important features; a permanent court of international arbitration, an association of nations and a useful means of counsel.

"I recognize, in view of the issue as drawn in the last campaign and of the result at the polls, that the League of Nations, so far as this country is concerned, is not to be."

"On the other hand I am most gratified to learn from my conversation with the President-elect that, so far as he is concerned, there is no danger of this country lapsing into a state of splendid isolation such as we might have feared if a conception of American aloofness from the affairs of Europe were dominant."

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## SUBMIT U. S. OFFICIAL CABLES TO BRITISH

### Western Union Head Admits Copies Are Handed to Secret Service.

### 'DO NOT EXAMINE THEM' State Department Accused of Attempt to Prevent Cuban Connection.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Charges that the British Government exercises surveillance over American cable business, official as well as private, passing through the British Isles, and that the State Department had extended its control over the Western Union Telegraph and Cable Company to bring in the Cuban Government, came up to-day before a Senate committee considering cable legislation.

Norman H. Davis, Acting Secretary of State, and Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union, conducted a cross-table argument over the Cuban allegation when Mr. Davis flatly denied it. Chairman Kellogg ended the hearing by questioning Mr. Carlton as to the British practices.

Clarence H. Mackay, head of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, another witness, told the committee English secret service authorities were obtaining copies of all cable messages.

Mr. Carlton several times expressed reluctance to discuss the subject of English surveillance because "it would make trouble," but at last yielded.

"Ten days after messages have been transmitted," Mr. Carlton explained, "our copies of them are turned over to the British secret service, which keeps them for a few hours and then returns them. No exception is made, and the American official despatches, like the despatches to all other countries to and

## FROM ENGLAND, ARE INCLUDED, BUT I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT NO EXAMINATION IS MADE OF THEM. I HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT THE OFFICIAL MESSAGES ARE NOT EVEN INSPECTED, BUT THEY ARE IN THE PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE AUTHORITIES WHILE OTHER MESSAGES ARE BEING INSPECTED."

The orders for the surveillance were issued, Mr. Carlton explained, because of disturbed conditions in Great Britain and Europe. He indicated that other European countries took more complete control over American cable passing through their territory than did England.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Carlton argued with considerable heat over the State Department's opposition to the Western Union's attempted connection with the British cable system in Brazil via the Barbados cable. Mr. Carlton declared the State Department had "made threats to the Cuban Government" to prevent the connection going through that island and that President Menocal now had before him the question of revoking a license already granted for landing of the Barbados cable in Cuba.

"The State Department has done nothing of the kind," Mr. Davis said, and Mr. Carlton promptly broke-in to characterize this statement as "diplomacy." The Western Union head made representations to the Cuban Government, and Mr. Davis replied that no one but the State Department had authority to take such a step.

Mr. Carlton asserted, "as instancing the animus of the State Department in persecuting an American corporation" that a shipment of cable to his company through a Cuban subsidiary of the Bell telephone system had been stopped by the American Government. Secretary Davis also denied this assertion.

"I can still catch that ship," Mr. Carlton interjected. "Do I understand that you will do nothing prejudicial to the telephone company if they bring on the cable?"

Mr. Davis said nothing would be done "if the Western Union lays no cable surreptitiously in American waters."

Mr. Carlton announced he would get on the wires and catch that ship. Secretary Davis made more definite his denial that the Cuban Government had been asked to stop the landing of the Barbados cable.

"Can I tell the Cuban Government that?" Mr. Carlton asked. "Tell them anything you please," the Secretary replied.

"I've been approached by certain people suggesting that, since the Western Union is making such a dirty fight over

this cable," Mr. Davis added, "it would be an easy thing to get the Cuban Government to block it. I've replied that the United States ought not to be in the position of going before a foreign Government asking action against an American corporation."

Mr. Carlton announced that "some officials of the United States are doing it," and an agreement was made to get evidence later.

Frederick Roy Martin, acting general manager of the Associated Press, told the committee that any increase of cable facilities out of the United States would increase dissemination of American news reports and described the present system of distributing news to American insular possessions and to South America. To get sufficient facilities in South America, he said, the Associated Press had been forced to "go through the neck of the bottle at London in cable communications," and contract with an English company for despatch of 1,000,000 words a year.

Hydraulic rams have been installed beneath the stage of the Century in preparation for the production there January 24 of "In the Night Watch." One of the scenes is the sinking at sea of a French cruiser. When the warship is torpedoed the body of the cruiser sinks through a trap. The bow, which is a separate piece of scenery, is forced slowly upward by the rams. Then it is sunk by the same means and the stern appears, only to disappear in turn.

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### HARDINGS IN FLORIDA JAN. 21. Will Meet Sen. Frelinghuysen at St. Augustine for Cruise.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Jan. 10.—President-elect Harding and Mrs. Harding will arrive at the Ponce de Leon January 21, when they will meet Senator and Mrs. Joseph S. Frelinghuysen of New Jersey and join them on their houseboat Victoria for a cruise down the east coast of Florida before the war.

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