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BRYAN LAUDS SHIP BILL IN OPENING MEET OF TRADE MEN

Premier, in Defense of Measure, Predicts Inauguration of New Trade Routes for the United States.

President Fahey, Opening in Address, Foresees Wide Extension of American Commerce as Result of War.

A defense of the ship purchase bill by Secretary of State Bryan marked the opening of the third annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at the Willard today.

The premier of the Cabinet was the first speaker at the afternoon session which President John H. Fahey called to order at 2 o'clock, and he was welcomed by practically all of the 600 delegates. In addition to urging the passage of the ship purchase bill Secretary Bryan urged the ratification of the Colombian treaty as imperative to the establishment of cordial relations with Latin-American republics.

Would Open New Trade. Government controlled ships, said Mr. Bryan, would not only relieve the scarcity of shipping and reduce freight rates, but would act as pioneers in establishing new trade routes, which would be followed later by private vessels.

President Wilson will address the Chamber this evening, Secretary McAdoo will be heard tomorrow morning, and Secretary Redfield will speak at the annual banquet tomorrow evening. In his annual address, the feature of the first session today, President Fahey predicted a wide extension of American commerce as a result of the European war. Speaking of domestic business difficulties, he laid part of the blame for heavy legislation at the door.

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SLINGSBY CHILD IS DECLARED REAL HEIR

Son of American Widow Wins Suit Carrying Annual Income of \$50,000.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Teddy Slingsby was today declared to be the legitimate heir to the huge Slingsby fortune in a decision handed down in probate court. The court overruled the claims that the infant was a San Francisco changeling. The court's ruling established four-year-old Teddy's right to the estate of Rev. Charles Slingsby, his grandfather, which yields an annual income of more than \$50,000. It was a triumph for his mother, who was Mrs. Dorothy Morgan, an American widow.

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SUFFRAGE IN N. Y. ON A REFERENDUM

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Without opposition the concurrent resolution of the senate and assembly to submit the woman's suffrage question to New York voters today passed the lower house. Its passage by the upper house and signing by Governor Whitman within the next future is said to be certain.

Palmer to Head Grand Parade of Veterans as He Did Fifty Years Ago

Commander to Re-enact Scene on Occasion of Review of Sherman's Army.

HAD NOTABLE EXPERIENCE

Encampment of Grand Army Set for September 29 in National Capital.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER. Arrangements for what is expected to be the last of the great national gatherings of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Washington next September, are being perfected today by the general officers of the organization and local committees of Washington.

It will be the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the close of the war between the States, and on Wednesday, September 29, the same man who led the review of Sherman's army down Pennsylvania avenue fifty years before, will lead the Grand Army on its last march down the historic Avenue.

This is Col. David J. Palmer, national commander of the Grand Army. Colonel Palmer is seventy-five years old, looks fifty, was left for dead on the battlefield of Shiloh, and is now a member of the Iowa board of railway commissioners.

He is positively the liveliest dead man still surviving the civil war.

New Preparing Plans. When the grand review of the Army of the West—the Sherman army—was held in Washington in the closing days of May, 1865, Mr. Palmer was lieutenant colonel of the Twenty-fifth Iowa, in command. On that day the line of troops was headed by the Fifteenth Army Corps; the corps was headed by

"JITNEY" LINE GIVEN BOOST IN BALTIMORE

New Company Wins Support on Second Day in Spite of Heavy Snowstorm.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 3.—The "jitney" bus service received more encouragement on its second day in spite of the heavy fall of snow. The machines, which carry some of the snow-covered streets with filled seats, twisting about the slower moving trolley cars, and invariably making better time in delivering passengers to their destinations.

Arrangements were made with the patrons of the Eastern Female High School to carry some of the women to and from that institution, to avoid the series of transfers necessary on the street car lines. Miss Sarah Henderson, president of the "Jitney" line, sent conveyances to the homes of the girls this morning, and carried them quickly to their destination. The girls will be returned home in the same manner this afternoon.

Omaha Cars Succeeded. OMAHA, Feb. 3.—Omaha's first jitney bus operator has started his fourth day pleased with the outlook. P. E. P. Anderson started two cars on Saturday, and has now opened general offices and is busied with volunteers of co-operation. He said:

"The two cars that began the service on Saturday carried over 500 passengers. The seven-passenger jitney, which cost 12 cents a gallon, covered about 120 miles during the day, on ten to twelve gallons of gasoline. It was a triumph for his mother, who was Mrs. Dorothy Morgan, an American widow.

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Indorsed by members of the United States Supreme Court and other prominent officials in Washington, whose sons he has educated, Robert Lee Preston, former principal of the Meadowbrook Preparatory School in this city, was today recommended to President Wilson for appointment as recorder of deeds in the District of Columbia. The recommendation was made to the President by Congressman Carlin of Virginia.

The President told Mr. Carlin that he would take the recommendation under consideration, and seemed much impressed with Preston's indorsements. He did not indicate, however, whether he would abandon the time-honored custom of appointing a colored man to the office.

Mr. Preston has been a resident of the District for more than thirty years. Many of his former pupils are now holding high positions in official or private life, and these have added their indorsements to his application for the place.

CHICAGO PIT IN RIOT AS MAY WHEAT PRICES SOAR AGAIN

Value Leap to \$1.65 1-2 for New Record When New Zealand Import Order Reaches the Floor.

Spectators Crowd Galleries and Join in Excitement—July Prices Reach \$1.41 3-8 During Early Trade.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—The most riotous scenes witnessed on the Board of Trade since the famous Patten and Leiter deals occurred at today's opening, when May wheat opened at \$1.62, suddenly dropped to as low as \$1.56 3/4 within ten minutes, and at the end of fifteen minutes had set a new high record by leaping to \$1.65 1/2 a bushel.

Speculators who crowded the public and private galleries caught the excitement and joined in the shouts from the floor.

Widely credited reports that opening of the Dardanelles might soon be expected, thus letting out Russia's wheat crops, was partly responsible for the bottom prices. These reports soon were followed by news that New Zealand's government had authorized importation of wheat. This sent prices skyward again.

At 10 o'clock, May wheat went to \$1.64 3-8 a bushel and July to \$1.41 3-8.

Government May Curb Raise in Bread Cost

The Department of Justice is vigorously prosecuting its investigation into soaring prices of wheat and bread, with the prospect that a large number of indictments will follow the Government's activities.

Officials of the Department of Justice will not admit that the department is entirely ready to act, but they indicate that action may be expected soon.

The department's evidence does not include sufficient facts, it is said, to warrant indictments at the great grain trading centers, but United States Attorney Cline, at Chicago, aided by officers of the Bureau of Investigation who

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VILLA TO DIRECT TAMPICO ATTACK

Northern Leader to Continue With Assaults on Vera Cruz and Mexico City.

Plans for General Villa's campaign against Carranza for mastery in Mexico, which includes attacks on Tampico and Vera Cruz and on Mexico City, have been communicated to the Villistas agency in Washington.

Six thousand Villista troops are en route from Aguas Calientes to attack Tampico, reports declare, to aid Gen. Alberto Torres, who is preparing to attack Tampico. Villa is expected to direct the campaign. Re-enforcements from the command of Gen. Felipe Angeles, who has been leading the fight against Carranzistas in northern Mexico, are also expected to join in the attack on Tampico. Bombardment of Tampico by bomb-dropping aeroplanes is part of Villa's plan of attack.

General Villa also is said to be massing an army of 20,000 at Queretaro to drive the Carranzistas out of Mexico City. This movement may be postponed until after the Tampico and probably the Vera Cruz attack, as Villa is averring is making an armed attack on the capital and will concentrate his efforts against the Carranzistas on the east coast, hoping to force terms without bombardment of the capital.

Additional troops have been ordered by the War Department to Eagle Pass, Tex., to protect American life and property in the event of fighting at Piedras Negras, across the border, to which place Carranzista troops have been forced to retreat by advancing Villa troops under General Angeles.

SENATE Expected ship purchase struggle will be resumed this afternoon. Discussion of order for arrest of absent Senators.

Various Senators who were arrested or ordered to report to Senate room 37, Foreign Relations Committee meeting.

Advocates of Ship Purchase Again Rebuffed in the Senate

MARTIN AND AIDES FAIL TO WIN OVER OBDDURATE SOLONS

Many of the Recalcitrants Favor Norris Amendment and Thus Cause Hitch.

SOME WOULD RECOMMIT IT

Democratic Leaders Work All Morning to Round Up Sufficient Votes.

Efforts of Senator Martin and other Democratic leaders who are trying to straighten out the ship purchase tangle by winning back to the fold the recalcitrant Democrats met with serious difficulties today.

The recalcitrants, it was found, could not be won over. As a result, the leaders who are seeking to get a ship purchase bill through found out this forenoon that the only way to get action which offered them any promise of success was by accepting the Norris amendments.

Effort to Recommit. It is expected the battle will be fought out this afternoon on the floor, and an attempt made to recommit the bill to the Commerce Committee, with instructions to report back a bill modified with the Norris amendments.

Progressive Republicans were advised this forenoon that the attempt to get the Democrats to unite their forces and pass a bill similar to the conservative Democratic one which offers any permanent policy of Government ownership had failed.

The situation since yesterday has been one in which there has been almost constant shifting about and conferring in the Senate, but on the other hand to pass a bill and on the other hand to defeat a bill.

President Wilson set out yesterday morning to get a bill passed by yielding to the demands of Senators Norris and Keyser, and announced that Germany was willing to yield. Then the Democrats caucused.

Senator Martin, who was given authority to effect some sort of an arrangement whereby a bill could be passed, Senator Martin worked on a plan of abandoning the Norris amendments and

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COMPLICATION FACED BY U. S. OVER THE CASE OF DYNAMITER

Notice Given Through Ottawa That England Will Demand Extradition of German Who Tried to Wreck Bridge.

Situation One of the Most Delicate in Which America Has Figured Since the Outbreak of War.

Three governments are today closely watching each other in the diplomatic situation growing out of the action of Werner Van Horn, a native German, in dynamiting the international railway bridge between this country and Canada.

Officials in Washington, London, and Berlin are anxiously awaiting the first step in the efforts of Canada to extradite Van Horn.

In many respects the situation is the most delicate in which the United States has figured since the outbreak of the European war.

Almost certain, by the stand which it will take, to offend either Great Britain or Germany, the State Department faces the additional likelihood of offending in this country those who favor the cause of the allies or those who are pro-German.

The brazen act of a man who was desperate or insane has emphasized again the tortuous and dangerous paths traveled by this Government in its efforts to observe neutrality.

Will Demand Extradition. Great Britain, speaking through the government at Ottawa, has already served notice informally that she will demand the extradition of Van Horn, who, after returning to the American side of the border, was arrested in a German army list showed that Van Horn was not, as represented, an officer in the German army.

German Embassy Silent. Asked whether the man's name was in the retired list, the secretary of the German embassy at Ottawa, but he again little information was published. No information could be obtained whether the German government would provide counsel for Van Horn in any attempt he might make to fight extradition.

From the standpoint of the State Department, the extradition depends largely on the interpretation of the word "soldier" in the extradition treaty of 1880. The language of this treaty declares "a fugitive criminal shall not be surrendered if the offense in respect of which his surrender is demanded be one of a political character."

It is thought here that Van Horn will set up the claim that his offense was of such a character, and the evidence plain apparently that the motive of the crime was not willful destruction of property, but an attempt on the part of a German patriot to break the railroad line by which Canada has been shipping most of the munitions of war for the British army at the eastern sea coast. It is pointed out, however, that the State Department succeeds in proving that the offense was not political and was extraditable. Van Horn will escape the charge of being a German spy.

VANCEBORO, Me., Feb. 3.—Held here by Deputy Sheriff Ross until further orders from Attorney General Patterson of Maine, it is expected that a warrant will be issued today against Werner Van Horn, alleged dynamiter of the international bridge over the St. Croix river. This probably will be done so that he may be kept in custody pending extradition proceedings by the Canadian government through British Ambassador Spring-Rice at Washington.

State officials, it is said, could charge Van Horn with dynamiting a railroad bridge, which, under agreement between the United States and Canada,

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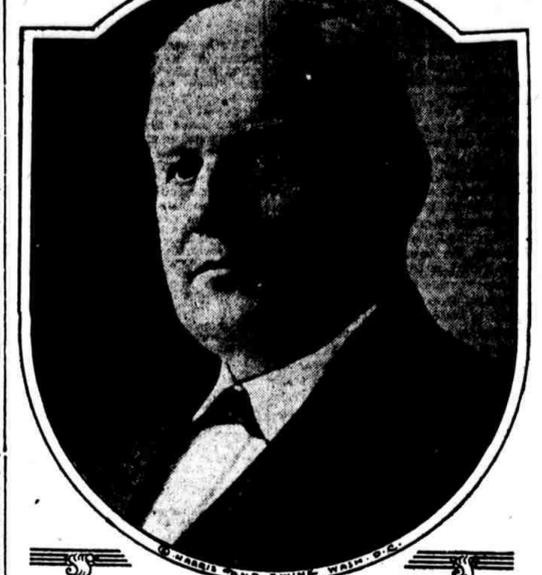
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Flood at Bladensburg Is Gradually Falling

The high water in Bladensburg and North Brentwood is today gradually falling in spite of the fact that a great quantity of rain fell last night. It is thought that the danger of a flood as bad as last January is past, and that by tomorrow the water will be back at its normal level.



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