



WILSON WARNS HE WILL CAST TREATY ASIDE IF IT HAS RESERVATIONS

Changes Considered by President to Nullify Pact, Hitchcock Says

HE BELIEVES COMPROMISE PROGRAM IS NOW POSSIBLE

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Wilson will pocket the Peace Treaty if it contains the Lodge reservations, he told Senator Hitchcock at a conference to-day at the White House.

The program outlined by Senator Hitchcock after he had seen President Wilson last week will be carried through in the Senate, Mr. Hitchcock said. This contemplated defeat of the ratification resolution with the Lodge reservations attached, and the offering of a resolution for ratification without reservations.

Senator Hitchcock was with the President for an hour. "I find the President is very much improved since I saw him last, the Senator said on leaving the White House. "He looks better, talks better and is much more aggressive. I find that he has read and considered the Lodge reservations and that he considers them a nullification of the treaty utterly impossible."

"Did the President tell you what his course would be in the event the Lodge reservations are accepted by the Senate?" he was asked. "The President will pocket the treaty," was the reply. "Even if reservation 15 is stricken out?" "Yes."

"That would make no difference in the President's decision," he added. Senator Hitchcock did not interpret the President's stand to mean that the Treaty was dead, declaring he still believed a compromise resolution program could be worked out.

The preamble of the committee resolution, requiring that the Senate ratify the treaty, is amended to read: "The President shall be authorized to sign the treaty on behalf of the United States, provided that he shall first ascertain that the Senate is prepared to ratify the treaty without reservations."

As soon as he left the White House Senator Hitchcock began plans for a conference of Democratic friends of the Treaty. It was said it might be held to-night. The plan at first had been to have the mild reservation Republicans in the conference, but it is understood they informed the Democrats they were willing to negotiate with the committee program had come to a vote.

Senator Hitchcock predicted that the mild group would give the Democrats enough support to enable the Vice-President in ruling that further ratification reservations are in order, thus opening the door to a compromise.

Mr. Hitchcock did not go into details as to the exact stage at which the President might intervene in the Treaty proceedings, but indicated that the Executive might withdraw the Treaty unless the Democratic conference developed an agreement to vote down ratification.

If the same resolution is defeated, however, it is expected Mr. Wilson will let the opposing group work out whatever compromise they can and will not interfere unless he finds withdrawal necessary to prevent ratification with reservations which are unacceptable.

One of the subjects understood to have been discussed at the White House conference was the substitute reservations proposed by Senator Hitchcock. The Democratic leader indicated that the President had made no objection to them.

Mr. Hitchcock said he did not discuss with the President the proposal of Republican leaders to pass a resolution, in case the Treaty fails, declaring the war at an end. It is well understood, however, that the administration generally would look with disfavor at such a manner of bringing a peace status.

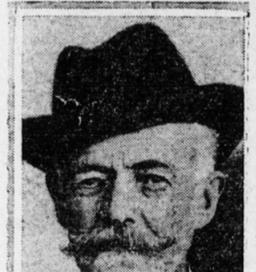
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TWO PASSENGERS HURT, ENGINEER DIES IN WRECK

Train Crashes Into Freight Smashup in Lancaster

FLAMES DESTROY DEBRIS City Firemen Rescue Two Pinned Beneath Burning Wreckage

One engineer was killed, a brakeman seriously injured and two passengers and a fireman slightly injured in a wreck on the Lancaster branch about 7:45 this morning. The engine, an eastbound freight, ran by a stop sign and went off the derail, piling up eleven cars. Passenger train No. 576, leaving Harrisburg at 6:55 this morning, with its engine, crashed into the wreck. The killed and injured are:

F. J. Flynn, New York, engineer on the freight engine.

E. P. McManus, New York, fireman on the freight engine, seriously injured. Was buried under his engine. Injured internally and suffering from shock.

J. T. McNally, New York, brakeman on freight, badly injured. Taken to the Lancaster Hospital. May not recover.

Mrs. F. H. Bayman, 1837 East Seventy-fifth street, Cleveland, Ohio, contusion of abdomen. Passenger.

Y. A. Kaddura, 814 First avenue, Troy, N. Y., sprained muscles of the head and neck.

The wreck caught fire and the Lancaster fire department was called out to extinguish the blaze and assist in getting Brakeman McNally and Fireman McManus from under the wreckage. The official report received at the office of William Elmer, superintendent of the Philadelphia division, reads:

About 7:45 this morning, extra freight east, engine No. 1127, Conductor C. E. Womelsdorf and Engineer F. J. Flynn, hauling train F-2 on No. 2 track, ran by the stop sign and off the Lancaster branch at 7:45 this morning, upsetting the engine and wrecking eleven cars. Passenger train No. 576, Conductor G. E. Stephens and Engineer J. E. Shaw, which was running on the middle track, was blocked, overturning the engine and wrecking two cars. Engineer Flynn, of the freight, train, was killed and the fireman, McManus, was injured.

All four tracks were blocked. Train movement is being detoured through the Lancaster passenger station.

The injured passengers were in the second car from the two that turned over and were injured when the jammed them against the seats. They were given immediate attention and sent to a Lancaster hospital and later resumed their journey on another train. Other passengers on the train were transferred to the train leaving Harrisburg at 7:15.

The freight train was in charge of a New York division crew and left Enola about 5:30 this morning. It was made up of cars loaded with general merchandise and coal. The cars that were wrecked included four cars loaded with poultry and enroute to New York. Many of the poultry were killed, others got away and were scattered all over the fields in the immediate vicinity.

The passenger crew was made up of Philadelphia employees. The train was on schedule time and was running at the usual rate of speed over the cut off. When the engine turned over, Engineer Shaw jumped.

The wreck occurred near Lancaster, Columbia and Harrisburg. Superintendent Elmer of the Philadelphia division was also at the scene and directed the men and firemen. It is said that considerable freight was burned including furniture and clothing. All trains were running through Lancaster station until late this morning when two of the tracks on the cut off were reported open.

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WHEN WOMEN WIN THE BALLOT



MRS. BLANCHE AUSTIN "Why the clothespin" neighbors and acquaintances asked Mrs. Blanche Austin when she appeared in the streets of Santa Monica, Cal., as shown in the photograph. "Local politics," was her terse answer.

CONFERENCE OF MINERS DELAYED BY OPERATORS

Unreadiness to Submit Counterproposals to Demands Cause of Postponement

Washington, Nov. 17.—The conference of wage scale committees in the central competitive bituminous coal field was postponed to-day at the request of the operators, who were not ready to submit a counterproposal to the demands received from the miners Saturday.

Meantime a committee of the operators was framing a reply. It was said the question of the renewal of work by the miners was one of the matters to be brought up by the operators.

Wyoming miners and operators have reached a settlement satisfactory to both parties and the mines will be reopened at once, according to a telegram from P. J. Quealy, president of the Wyoming Coal Operators Association received to-day by Secretary Wilson. The final contract in the Wyoming field is to be based on the agreement reached in the central competitive field, Mr. Quealy said.

Negotiation of a new wage scale in the soft coal industry stands in which the same situation as when miners' operators were not at Buffalo in September to frame a contract to replace the Washington wage agreement.

This time, however, there is no threat of a strike, and both sides are ready to resume conferences in the hope of reaching a quick settlement.

Take Issue With Wilson John L. Lewis, acting president of the miners' organization, still

Wilson Confesses to Beating Another to Her Death With Hammer

Minneapolis, N. Y., Nov. 17.—Mrs. Maria Warren, divorced wife of an actor, confessed to-day that she killed Mrs. Clara Branch, at Lynbrook, last Friday. District Attorney Weeks announced to-day, Mrs. Warren rendered herself to the police when she read of statements by Captain Henry Wright in which Mrs. Branch was housekeeper, that he had left the two women at his home Friday morning.

Mrs. Branch was found dead Friday afternoon. She apparently had been beaten to death with a hammer. The district attorney said her confession was "complete."

Mauk Seeks New Trial on Technicality of Law

John E. Fox, one of the attorneys who defended Charles H. Mauk during his trial last week, today filed a motion in court for an order in favor of the defendant, alleging that no indictable offense had been shown by the evidence which was presented at the trial. This was the first time he had left the White House since his return from the Western tour during which he was taken ill. Those who saw the President at the time seemed cheerful and bright and apparently was "full of fight" as the result of the Senate action on the Peace Treaty.

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KUNKEL RULES OUT ATTEMPT TO STOP STATE AID

Dauphin County Court Dismisses the Bill in Equity Against Commonwealth

HIT AT 66 INSTITUTIONS

Secular Institutions Gain Victory in Decision of Local Judge

President Judge George Kunkel in an opinion to-day dismissed the equity bill brought by Willis Collins against Auditor General Charles A. Snyder, State Treasurer Harmon M. Kephart and 66 hospitals and other institutions in the State.

In the suit it was alleged that appropriations to institutions, each provided in a separate act of assembly, were unconstitutional, because the hospitals and homes are sectarian and denominational.

State Is Upheld The bill was demurred to as multifarious by the defendants and Judge Kunkel sustained this objection. In his opinion he quoted from Whitehouse Equity Practice on the subject of "multifariousness" and follows this ruling: "Each case is distinct from and independent of the others. Each proceeds from and has a different and separate source. The bill is an attempt to litigate in one proceeding the claims of 66 institutions, which rise out of independent and distinct acts of assembly, and which must necessarily be adjudicated each upon its own evidence without reference to the others. No one of the institutions is interested in the moneys appropriated to the others. It is only interested in its own appropriation in which the others have no interest. It is true, they may all be said to be interested in the question of law involved, or rather in the interpretation of the constitutional provision, but the applicability of the law and the validity of the appropriations must depend exclusively upon the particular facts in each case."

Sylvan Heights Named "It may be noted that, if this bill were to be sustained, the claims for the moneys of the 66 institutions would not necessarily be tried together. Each claim would be heard upon its own evidence and in the order in which it would be presented. There is nothing gained by joining the claims in the same bill, save costs and the expense incident to the proceeding, while on the other hand the plaintiffs' institution named in the suit brought by Collins was the Sylvan Heights Orphanage."

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Clinging to Hope

New York, Nov. 17.—A tense air of hopeful expectancy hung over "wet" strongholds in New York to-day as men interested in the sale of liquor waited for the fulfillment or nonfulfillment of a mysterious "tip" that the wartime ban on liquor would be lifted by nightfall.

The "tip" was reported to have come from a government official "who is in a position to know," via "well-informed person" in Pittsburgh and Louisville.

Although "dry" leaders ridiculed the report and United States revenue agents here were skeptical, the saloonmen clinging to their hopes and in some instances were making tentative preparations for a big night.

The "wet" hopes it is said, are based on the fact that "well informed persons" obtained a "tip" in advance that President Wilson planned to veto the Volstead enforcement act.

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THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and Vicinity: Fair and warmer to-night with lowest temperature about 45 degrees. Tuesday fair. Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, and slightly warmer to-night. Tuesday fair. Gentle to moderate south winds. River: The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall about a stage of about 5.0 feet in 48 hours for Harrisburg Tuesday morning.