

FERRIS BILL IS PASSED BY LOWER HOUSE

Will Throw Open to Fifty-Year Leases Public Lands Containing Water Power.

BILL HAD SUPPORT OF PINCHOT AND OTHERS

Senate Takes Up Question of Extending Self-Government to Philippines.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The house today passed the Ferris bill, which would throw open to 50-year leases public lands containing more than three times as much water power as now is under development in the United States. It is estimated that in the eleven states which it is proposed to enter there are about 19,000,000 undeveloped horse power.

The bill is the result of careful study by water power experts of all parties. The 50-year lease feature had the support of Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane; his predecessor, Walter L. Fisher, and Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester of the United States.

Main Supports Measure. Party lines were cast aside in voting of the measure today. Minority Leader Mann was one of its strongest supporters. Western republicans fought it, insisting that leasing would delay development of the sites. Western senators are planning a hard fight on the measure in the senate.

Philippine Question. Debate in the senate began today on a bill to extend greater self-government to the Philippine Islands, continued attacks on the measure by Senators Sterling and Sherman and a speech in its defense by Senator Williams. Senator Sterling declared that too much self-government already has been extended to the Philippines for their own good, and Senator Sherman said the United States was morally obliged to continue its supervision of the islands until the people are unquestionably able to manage their own affairs. Discussing a suggestion that Japan might take the islands if the United States gave them up, Senator Williams declared "Japan would give them a better government than we can, because the races understand each other better."

Universal Military Service. Secretary Garrison told the house military committee at a hearing today that compulsory service was the only really adequate basis on which to construct a military policy compatible with a democratic government.

The secretary made the assertion merely as an expression of personal sentiment and he did not elaborate on it. His statements were regarded as significant, however, in view of the known belief of many army officers and war department officials that the continental army proposals in the administration's preparedness program naturally tend toward ultimate universal service.

Suffrage Amendment. The Susan B. Anthony amendment providing for woman's suffrage was reported favorably today to the senate by the suffrage committee.

The report says that inasmuch as the nation nearly half a century ago determined to restrict state authority over the ballot by abolishing the disqualification of "idiot," there is no reason why it should continue this policy by abolishing the disqualification of sex.

COUNTY GOOD ADVERTISER

Bottineau, N. D., Jan. 8.—Immigration work of a character and magnitude never before attempted by a board of county commissioners was launched in this city today when the board of Bottineau county let the contract for printing 50,000 booklets descriptive of Bottineau county and her resources.

The booklet will be profusely illustrated with halftone views of farm scenes from all parts of the county, as well as photographs depicting the scenic beauty of the Turtle mountains and their fishing lakes.

The booklet will contain a great deal of descriptive and statistical information, all of which is vouched for over the signatures of the several members of the county board.

An issue of 25,000 copies of a similar booklet was printed and circulated in the eastern states last year. The results of this method of advertising have been so satisfactory to the board that it was decided to get out a larger and more comprehensive edition this year.

WINS BY KNOCKOUT. Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 8.—Johnnie Kilbane, the featherweight champion, knocked out Patsy Cline of New York in the second round here tonight. The result was a great surprise to the followers of the New York boxer.

HARVARD COACH NOW BASEBALL MAGNATE

Percy D. Haughton Becomes the President and Part Owner of Boston Nationals.

Boston, Jan. 8.—Percy D. Haughton, the famous Harvard football coach, became president and part owner of the Boston National league baseball club. Associated with him as the head of a syndicate is Arthur C. Wies, member of a local banking firm. The new president announced that he would retain the services of George T. Stallings, as manager of the club, and that Stallings would have absolute charge of the playing end of the organization. Walter E. Haggood will continue as business manager.

The announcement of the sale of the club which two years ago won the world's championship after a sensational season, was a surprise in sporting circles. The Braves had not been on the market until a few days ago President E. Gaffney and Robert F. Davis of New York, the owners, had fully expected to retain control during the coming season, according to a statement issued by Mr. Gaffney.

Unofficially the price is said to be nearly half a million dollars. The club was purchased three years ago by Mr. Gaffney for \$187,000. The new Braves' field, at which the last world's series games were played, was not included in the sale. A lease, the same length as held by Gaffney, was given to the new owners. It will be for thirty-three years.

While Mr. Haughton's statement made no direct reference to his severing relations with Harvard as coach, it announced that he would "devote his time to the club and its interest in the future."

CHINESE WAR MINISTER VICTIM OF ASSASSIN

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Twan Kee Sui, minister of war, of the Chinese republic, from the time of his appointment by Sun Ysen until his resignation, when Yuan Shi Kai announced his acceptance of the throne of China, as its emperor, is dead in Peking, at the hands of a hired assassin, according to word which reached San Francisco Chinese quarters today.

Prominent Chinese express themselves tonight as fearful that a clash between republic sympathizers and royalists might follow the announcement. The feeling in Chinatown is said to be intense over the alleged violent death of the former war minister, who was held in high esteem in China.

SAYS WAR FOR U. S. WOULD BE BUTCHERY

New York, Jan. 8.—Approximately 20,000 college men are in readiness to take the field, should the United States become involved in war, declared Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton university, in an address here today before the Republican club.

These young men, he said, are in a state of preparedness because of the military training they have received in college. He said the presumption that America could raise a volunteer army of a million men between sunrise and sunset is sheer nonsense and that war would be simply butchery of our young men, who are untrained for military service.

WOMEN TO WORK FOR WILSON'S REELECTION

Washington, Jan. 8.—The Wilson Home Guards, an organization of women to work for re-election of President Wilson because of his efforts to keep the United States out of the European war, was today formed at the closing session of the annual convention here of the Woman's National Democratic league.

The league completed plans for aiding actively in the forthcoming campaigns.

GENERAL SHAKEUP OF CHICAGO POLICE

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Eight lieutenants, eight senior detective sergeants, five sergeants of police, 24 detectives were transferred by an order issued by Chief of Police Charles G. Healey today. The chief's order is the first "shake up" of the department as the outcome of Mayor Thompson's recent characterization of the police department as "rotten."

NO NEW HAVEN VERDICT. New York, Jan. 8.—The jury in the New Haven case had failed to reach a verdict at 11:30 o'clock tonight and the jurors were again locked up overnight. They received the case at 1:20 p. m. yesterday.

NEW NEBRASKA COACH. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 8.—Dr. E. J. Stewart, for four years athletic director and football coach of Oregon Agricultural college, has been elected to a similar position with the University of Nebraska, and has announced his acceptance.

RETURNS AFTER VISIT. Carl C. Muhmel of Scotland, N. D., returned Saturday after spending the holidays with Mr. and Gott Bertsch of Broadway.

DIPLOMATS ARE ENCOURAGED BY RECENT NOTES

Officials at Washington Gratified Over Recent German Note on Submarines.

SATISFACTORY SOLUTION OF PROBLEM IS REACHED

Will Investigate Arming of Italian Liner Now in Port of New York.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Encouraged by the conciliatory attitude shown by Germany and Austria in recent diplomatic exchanges with the United States, officials are considering requesting a definite and comprehensive statement pledging not only Germany, but all of her allies, to respect, in the conduct of their sea warfare, the guarantees as to the safety of American life, for which this government has extended throughout the entire submarine controversy. President Wilson is being urged by his close advisers to ask the German allies for definite assurances that no unarmed ships with Americans aboard shall be destroyed until passengers have reached a place of safety.

Like German Note. Officials are particularly gratified over Germany's latest note on the destruction of the American ship, William P. Frye, made public today, because of its acceptance of the principle that the mere placing of non-combatants in lifeboats before a prize is destroyed is not a sufficient guaranty of safety.

This concession, coupled with the offer of Germany to pay indemnity for the Lusitania victims and Ambassador von Bernstorff's assurance regarding the conduct of German submarines in the Mediterranean, have contributed greatly to the feeling that a satisfactory solution of the entire problem might be near at hand.

Italian Liner Armed. Baron Erich Swiedinek, charge of the Austrian-Hungarian embassy, today informally called to the attention of Secretary Lansing the presence of two mounted three-inch guns on the Italian steamship, Giuseppe Verdi, when she arrived in New York Thursday.

While official information upon the subject was lacking, it was understood that the charge has made inquiries as to what action the United States, as a neutral, considered taking in the matter.

Lansing to Investigate. Secretary Lansing was said to have assured Baron Swiedinek that the vessel would not be allowed to leave the harbor until the guns had been disposed of.

Officials in a position to be familiar with the attitude of the United States expressed the belief that the ship would not depart until the guns had been removed.

Collector Malone's report regarding the presence of rifles on the Verdi states that the ship was navigated by a civilian crew and did not, as was unofficially reported, carry gunners of the Royal Italian navy.

Protests to England. The United States has sent to Ambassador Page at London for presentation to the British foreign office note vigorously protesting against the British authorities interfering with and censoring mails from the United States to neutral European countries.

The note is understood to have already been delivered to the British foreign office.

Numerous complaints have been received from American business men and others that their mails destined to neutral points in European countries have been opened by the British.

Americans Make Appeal. The American Association of Commerce and Trade, embracing the American business colony of Berlin, today sent a wireless appeal to Secretary of State Lansing and leading congressmen at Washington, praying for action to assist Americans representing American firms here whose business is paralyzed by British interference with commerce.

GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY HONORS GEN. GORGAS

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Major General William C. Gorgas, who waged successful war against the yellow fever scourge in Panama, was presented tonight with the gold medal of the Geographic society of Chicago, for his distinguished services to humanity.

The gold medal has been bestowed on only two other men.

VILLA IS THROUGH.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 8.—General Francisco Villa has no intention of discontinuing his active opposition to the de facto government of Mexico, according to a letter said to have been received by a Villa agent.

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No Clue to Saint Paul Robbers

St. Paul, Jan. 8.—Admittedly without a tangible clue on which to work, Twin City police and secret service agents of the government continued their search tonight for the robbers who early yesterday looted the vault in the office of the internal revenue collector here and escaped, presumably in an automobile, with more than \$75,000 in negotiable revenue stamps and approximately \$3,500 in cash.

FORD PARTY ARRIVES AT THE HAGUE

Travel Through Germany in Dark But See Signs of War on All Sides.

ONE DINER PROVIDED FOR 200 DELEGATES

The Hague, Jan. 8.—Five weeks after its departure from New York, the Ford peace expedition reached the Hague today. The members of the party planned to begin immediately the work of spreading the peace propaganda.

The trip from Copenhagen in a special train through Germany, touching at Lubeck, Hamburg and Bremen, was filled with impressive suggestions of war. At the important stations, the American peace advocates passed train loads of soldiers bound for the front and Red Cross nurses in hospital coaches.

Trip Made in Dark. The progress through Germany was watched by silent crowds, except at one place, where a German lieutenant lifted his helmet and expressed success to the project. The entire trip over German territory was made after dark.

Arriving at the German port of Warnemunde in a ferryboat from Denmark, the peace delegates were met by a special train. The train was locked and started quickly for the trip across northwestern Germany.

After while the military guards on the train relaxed the rule and permitted the travelers to look out of the windows. Groups of Red Cross nurses were seen on the station platforms, soldiers were leaning out of the windows of incoming and outgoing trains, the familiar gray-coated German officers pacing back and forth, and frequently a crowd of citizens hastening for a closer inspection of the train.

Only One Dining Car. Only one dining car was provided for the 200 travelers. The railroad authorities explained that all the dining cars were being used to transport the wounded. Posted in the cars were printed notices calling on the public to eat sparingly and not waste food.

Long before daylight the train crossed the border and was speeding toward The Hague.

Within a week, the officials of the peace mission expect to select the members of the peace board that are to remain at The Hague.

The other members of the expedition will start on their return to the United States on January 15.

FAVORS UNIFORM INHERITANCE TAX

Representative Corjell Hull of Tennessee, author of the income tax law, will ask congress to pass a law making inheritance taxes uniform in all the states. "Great Britain and other European countries, which levy inheritance taxes do not appear to have any great difficulty with them, and I believe a system of uniform laws in this country would prove very popular," says Representative Hull.



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TROOPS PATROL YOUNGSTOWN, O.; QUIET RESTORED

Saloons Closed to Drink Crazed Mobs; Big Demonstration of Strikers Today.

EFFORTS AT SETTLEMENT TO BE STARTED AT ONCE

Eighty-Seven Rioters Arrested; Strikers Threaten to Slow Up Big Dam.

Youngstown, O., Jan. 8.—Quiet prevailed throughout the day, with members of the Ohio National Guard patrolling the principal streets of East Youngstown, where drink-crazed mobs ran wild, looting property, and causing the loss of one life and financial loss estimated at \$150,000.

Rumors of fresh outbreaks tonight resulted in renewed vigilance on the part of the militia, but several hours after dark no demonstrations had occurred.

Meetings of the men who formed last night's mob were held in the hills back of the town this noon, at which plans of action were said to have been discussed.

Demonstration Tomorrow. It was learned also that employees of plants in the Mahoning valley, now on strike, will hold a demonstration here tomorrow. According to the plans, the men will assemble on the outskirts of East Youngstown and march past the scene of last night's rioting, and on to a big hall, where speakers will address the crowd.

Militia officers acknowledge that they had been aware of such plans, but refused to indicate what attitude the militia would take in the matter. They admitted, however, that the Fourth regiment, composed of nearly 1,000 men, was being held in reserve at Berlin Centre, 15 miles west of here, for any possible emergency.

Although troops began arriving here about 5 o'clock this morning, none were taken to East Youngstown for patrol duty until nearly noon, when Mayor Cunningham of that place requested that militiamen there place police officers there, in order to permit the men a much needed rest.

Try to Settle. Efforts on the part of the state to effect a settlement between the strikers and the Republic Iron and Steel company and the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company will probably open here tomorrow.

For the first time in the history of the city, saloons were closed in Youngstown on a Saturday, this action being taken by the city authorities in an effort to prevent further disorder. Saloons in East Youngstown and Struthers were also closed.

Reports from Struthers, where threats have been made to blow up the Yellow Creek dam, which would result in the flooding of the business section of that place, said it was quiet there.

Eighty-five persons have been arrested in East Youngstown as a result of the rioting. All have been transferred to the county jail in Youngstown and will be held pending the outcome of their trials.

One Man Killed. Despite rumors that at least four persons had been killed last night, search by the police today showed that only one man, George Gett, aged 23, who was shot as he was smashing a glass in a building, was killed. Twenty-two persons are in hospitals, suffering from injuries, one of whom is in a critical condition. According to the police, at least 100 other persons suffered minor injuries.

Dies of Wounds. The death toll of last night's rioting was brought to two tonight, when Robert Davis, a railroad brakeman, died from wounds. Davis was struck by a stray bullet.

TWO MEN KILLED IN OREGON LANDSLIDE

Baker, Ore., Jan. 8.—Caught in a snowslide, which swept a clear swath down the side of Bull Run mountain, 20 miles from here, today, Albert Veis, aged 55, a miner living in his cabin on the mountain side, was crushed to death while a companion, whose name was not given in the report here, escaped with a broken arm. Searchers are hunting for other possible victims.

IS IMPROVING.

Peter Silvernagle of Napoleon, who was removed to the St. Alexis hospital as the result of injuries received when he was run over by a grain tank, is resting comfortably following the amputation of one of his limbs. Mr. Silvernagle was leading a team of horses hitched to a grain tank when the animals became frightened, charged forward, knocking him down, the heavy grain tank passing over his limb. It is thought that his injuries will not prove fatal.

RETURNS FROM TRIP.

Carl Bertsch, local contractor and builder, has returned from a business trip to Medina and Jamestown.

PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS ENDED

Secretary of State Lansing Is Host at Dinner to Number of Visitors.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Delegates to the second Pan-American scientific congress, which ended a two weeks' session here today, were guests of Secretary Lansing tonight at a banquet featured by addresses emphasizing the growing tendency of closer relations among the American republics.

Secretary Lansing, Ambassador Eduardo Suarez of Chile, president of the congress, Judge George Gray of Delaware, chairman of the United States delegation, were among the speakers.

Mr. Lansing expressed the gratification of the United States for what the congress had accomplished, and Ambassador Suarez, responding for the organization, proposed a toast to "the president of the United States, as a symbol of the country that has entertained us so fraternally."

In delivering a farewell to the departing delegates, Judge Gray urged that the American republics which "need no formal treaty to impel us to unity of thought and action," should not neglect in their friendly relations with each other to take steps for military preparedness.

Monday, as the guests of the United States government, the foreign delegates will leave for a tour north as far as Boston, which will end at New York January 16.

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WARNING TO FARMERS ON BUYING CATTLE

High Priced Animals Being Purchased Which Are Found to Be Unsound.

Dr. W. F. Crewe, state veterinarian, issues the following warning: Parties purchasing stallions should take precautions to determine that animals are free from transmissible disease and unsoundness.

The North Dakota stallion law provides that stallions cannot be legally used for public service if affected with certain transmissible diseases and unsoundness, which are specified in the law; accordingly, an animal that is refused a license on account of unsoundness has little more value than a work horse.

It would appear that every precaution should be taken to determine that an animal is either licensed in this state or eligible to license, before concluding the purchase.

The law requires that stallions imported into this state must be accompanied by a certificate of soundness, but this is not the best of assurance that the animal can be licensed in this state. Purchasers might better rely on the advice of their local veterinarian, if they have one that is competent.

Recently a stallion was shipped into this state and sold for \$2,000. The stallion was accompanied by a certificate of soundness. The purchaser took him to their local veterinarian to have him examined for life insurance. This veterinarian found the animal with four pronounced side bones on both front feet. This condition renders the animal ineligible to license and he cannot be legally stood for public service.

Now, if this examination had been made before the purchase was concluded the parties would have avoided a probable lawsuit and the animal would not have been sold within this state.

WOMEN WOUNDED BY BRUTAL NEGRO ROBBERS

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Emily Bomberg was probably fatally shot and Miss Rose Rea was wounded, when they refused to deliver a cash box to two negro robbers here today. The box contained the funds of a salary loan concern of which Mrs. Bomberg is manager. The negroes escaped after firing five shots at the women.

SATURN CHANGES COLOR.

Flagstaff, Ariz., Jan. 8.—Recent observations of Saturn at the Lowell observatory show a remarkable change, it was announced today, in the color and brightness of the planet ball, which is now of a pinkish brown tint and strikingly darker than the rings.

APPEALS FOR SONS.

Denver, Col., Jan. 8.—Mrs. O. S. Steuener, appealed to the state authorities today to aid in securing immunity for her two sons from serving with Australian forces in the European war. Mrs. Steuener states that her sons, who have been living in Australia for several years, are Americans.

THE WEATHER.

North Dakota: Unsettled and colder Sunday and Monday.

FURTHER GAINS BY RUSSIANS ON EAST FRONT

German Naval Critic Says Offensive Has Been Well Prepared by the Muscovites.

MAY HAVE EFFECT ON ENTRY OF ROUMANIA

More Activity Reported on Western Front; Germans Bombard Town of Nancy.

London, Jan. 8.—The battle continues between the Russians and Austro-Germans in Galicia and Bukovina. The Russians claim further gains and the Austrians claim to be holding their ground. The Austrians have made counter attacks along the middle Stripa and northeast of the town of Czernowitz, but, according to the Russian official communication, they were beaten back with heavy losses, while the Russians have made distinct gains and taking 1,200 prisoners in all.

Count von Rentlow, the German naval critic, writes that the Russian offensive has been well prepared and that the Russians have great reserves of men and artillery and he considers that the movement, if successful, might bring Roumania and Greece to the Allies' side.

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Col. House in London. The personal representative of President Wilson, Col. House, is meeting prominent civilians, but disclaims any attempt to pave the way for peace negotiations.

Germans Bombard Nancy. Six persons have been killed and ten others wounded at Nancy during the past three days in the bombardment of the city by German 16-inch guns, it appears from advices here.

President Polare yesterday paid a visit to Nancy and inquired personally into the effects of the German bombardments. It does not appear from the reports received whether any shells fell on the town during his stay.

It is announced that safe conduct has been assured to 30,000 persons to leave the city. A special train with some of the residents on board arrived in Paris yesterday. Others from Nancy have gone to Dijon and elsewhere.

Hold Consuls in Brijun. The consuls of Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria at Saloniki, who were recently arrested there, arrived today at Toulon, on board a man-of-war, according to a Havas dispatch from that seaport. They are held to await the disposition of the authorities, the dispatch adds.

Russians Resume Attack. The Russians have resumed their heavy attacks against the Austrian lines in eastern Galicia and in Bukovina, and in some places succeeded in penetrating Austrian positions, but it is declared in the official statement of the Vienna war office to have been ultimately repulsed, with 1,000 prisoners captured.

200 Montenegrins Drowned. Two hundred Montenegrins from America lost their lives by the sinking of an Italian steamship which struck a mine in the Adriatic. The sinking of the vessel with the attendant loss of life is told in an official Montenegrin statement as follows: "An Italian steamer from Brindiali with some hundred tons of supplies and 425 Montenegrin recruits from America aboard, touched a mine yesterday near San Giuovanni di Medua. The ship sank immediately and 200 passengers perished."

See British Base. Under escort of officers assigned by the admiralty, a correspondent of the Associated Press and a party of foreign journalists were given the first opportunity to visit one of the great naval bases on the coast, where cruisers, destroyers and submarines are assembled for their watch over the North sea, and from which big ocean going submarines are sent on voyages to the Baltic and the Dardanelles.

It was an impressive sight of concentrated power and alert readiness, with long lines of battlecruiser cruisers stretching seaward and headed by the famous Arethusa, back of them a vast flotilla of destroyers, then a countless number of submarines of the latest D and E types, which have recently performed such brilliant work from

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